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INTRODUCTION

Large class is a universal phenomenon nowadays. What is defined as a large class varies from teacher to teacher, university to university and country to country. Large classes are the reality for most universities in the country, especially for the University of El Salvador. Accordingly, teachers have to teach classes larger than the size they believe facilitates effective teaching and learning.

This investigation compiles relevant information about the undergraduate work: "The Problems of Large Class on Classroom Management that Intermediate and Advanced English Students of the Foreign Language Department Experience at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during Term II – 2011". Therefore, the main purpose of this study was to identify the major problems of large class on classroom management that Intermediate and Advanced English students of the Foreign Language Department face at the main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II – 2011.

At the very beginning of the investigation, the description of the problematic situation, objectives to be achieved, justification to carry out this investigation, and limitations are presented for the readers to know about the topic being investigated.

There are many factors which affect the teaching-learning process (Kyriacou, 1997). Among these, class size is considered one of the most important factors. The related literature clearly indicates that the class size and the effects associated with class size should be seriously taken into consideration by educators. Classes might be small or large in size. In both cases, teachers are expected to teach in an

effective way with the students' educational interests and learning experience in mind. That is why some recommendations are presented to be taken into account in order to help students to be aware of the problems they may face in order to have a satisfactory performance in their major. In the theoretical framework, the theory that functions as reference literature for the investigation is presented.

Regarding the methodology, the design was quantitative and the sample was formed by 195 students chosen randomly from the groups of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I. Besides, the procedures of data collection included three instruments: Two questionnaires and a checklist. The data processing, interpretation, and analysis were done through the use of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software and the software NVivo 7. Something that limited the investigation was that some of the questionnaires that were addressed to the students under study seemed not to be answered honestly. However, the point of view of the teachers and researchers helped to deal with those results.

Finally, this investigation embodies some conclusions and recommendations the researchers reached after the analysis and interpretation of the data. Besides, it presents the bibliographical references that are relevant in every research work to give reliability to the investigation.

ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this research project is to identify the major problems of large class on classroom management that Intermediate and Advanced English students of the Foreign Language Department face at the main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II – 2011.

The investigation was aimed to answer the following question: What are the major problems of large class on classroom management that Intermediate English students experience at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011?

The purpose of this research project was to verify the following hypothesis: Discomfort, lack of control, lack of individual attention, evaluation, and learning effectiveness are the major problems of large class on classroom management of Intermediate and Advanced English students of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term I-2011.

This was a quantitative research study because mathematical model and hypotheses pertaining to the phenomenon were employed. Besides, the causal-comparative research design was used to determine how the independent variable "large class" affects the dependent variable "classroom management". The unit of study was 195 students from the large Intermediate and Advanced English classes of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term I-2011. To test the hypothesis, three instruments were used to collect data, which were processed and analyzed. Subsequently, it was found out

that problems of discomfort, control, individual attention, and learning effectiveness exist in the large groups of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I during term II-2011. Therefore, classroom management is affected significantly only by the problem of lack of control in such large groups. Thus, some recommendations were formulated from the discussion of the results to help students to overcome and face those problems.

CHAPTER I

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

1.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM

Class size is an ongoing issue in education which is continually expanding. The number of students in a class has the potential to affect how much is learned in a number of different ways (American Psychological Society, 2001). The size of language class at any educational level tends to be larger and larger. Teachers face many challenges teaching large classes which cannot be easily avoided; consequently, many investigations have been conducted in such environment in order to help teachers to cope with the problems arisen by the increase of students in the classroom.

Classroom management is essentially indispensable in the development of classes of English as a Foreign Language (EFL). Without good Classroom Management there is really no way that content can be taught effectively. Effective management of EFL large classes is a common topic among faculty in higher education. Managing a large group of students requires advanced organization and detailed planning; for that reason, classroom management is very important in any educational setting. If students are in a safe environment, then learning can take place (Yi, n.d,).

In El Salvador, is very common for teachers at any level to teach a class with more than 30 students. Since the year 2003, in the University of El Salvador, there has emerged a significant growth of learning English as a foreign language. Since then, the number of students has increased significantly year by year in the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus. For instance, this year there were so many students registered that the classrooms were not enough. Subsequently, there were more than 30 groups that had not been assigned classrooms by the Academic Administration. Moreover, in some cases the same classroom had been scheduled for different classes at the same time (Comunicado de Comité Técnico Asesor de la Facultad de Ciencias y Humanidades, sobre la Problemática de Nuevo Ingreso, 2011).

The number of English learners has increased at an overwhelming speed along with the rapid development of globalization and communication among all countries (Wang 2011). The Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus is having an excessive growth of students willing to study such language due to some factors related to their needs. Therefore, the number of advantages that nowadays speaking English has is so huge that students can easily get a job without having finished their major; for instance, they can get a job in other fields that are not directly related to the teaching area, such as hotels, airlines, call centers, tourism, airports, customer service, etc.

Unfortunately, student overpopulation is one of the most important issues that affects the teaching-learning process. The number of students in the majority of the subjects, taught in the Foreign Language Department, exceeds the number

established by experts in teaching a foreign language. According to Murphy (1998) a small class contains 13-17 students while a large class (regular) contains 22-25 students. Thus, Intermediate and Advanced English students at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011 face a series of problems that large class has on classroom management.

Carbone and Greenberg (1998), found a general dissatisfaction among students with large classes citing such factors as inadequacy of classroom facilities and environment, lack of structure in lectures, lack of opportunity for discussion as some of the reasons for this. At the Foreign Language Department, the situation is depressing because there are some groups of 70 or more students in classrooms with capacity for 40 students (Crecimiento de Población Estudiantil de la Facultad de Ciencia y Humanidades UES, 2002-2008). Some of the students have to sit on the floor or stand next to the windows or doors even outside the classroom trying to listen to the teacher because of the lack of resources and facilities. Inside the classroom, the environment is stressful and the class does not run smoothly; there is a pile of desks, too much noise, and students at the back cannot hear and see clearly. The teacher gets students' attention for some minutes but suddenly they get distracted easily and noise takes over the class. Regarding the participation, not all the students have the chance to participate actively and sometimes the activities are dominated by the students that get a seat at the front of the classroom. Some other students are reluctant to participate because they feel ashamed to make mistakes in front of so many classmates or simply because they do not even know the directions. Also, not all the students can clarify their doubts to make sure whether

they are doing good or not. Unfortunately, all this causes a series of problems among the students and teacher. Hayes (1997) summarized the problems with teaching in large classes as follows: discomfort, lack of control, individual attention, evaluation, and learning effectiveness. Moreover, through spontaneous talks the researchers found out relevant information to support this situation. Though there are some students that have no major problems when being exposed to this kind of situation, the rest may face any problem in such environment. For example, a student said, "For me it is not difficult to be with many classmates. It's nice because I can make many friends; however, there is too much noise in the classroom. Besides, I think that the teacher does not even know the names of all of us". Other student expressed, "I feel ashamed to participate because I am afraid of making mistakes in front of too many people. It is difficult to be and concentrate in that environment". Besides, a third student said, "I don't like those classes because there are a lot of people and I do not have the opportunity to participate and clarify my doubts. I have to leave the previous class in a hurry and rush to the class to try to get a seat. I'm fed up with that situation". These kinds of opinions were the most frequent among the students that were interviewed.

Taking into account the aspects previously mentioned, the following question emerged: What are the major problems of large class on classroom management that students of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador face during term II-2011?

1.2 OBJECTIVES

GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

✓ To identify the major problems of large class on classroom management that students of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I of the Foreign Language Department at the main Campus of the University of El Salvador face during term II – 2011

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ To determine whether problems of discomfort exist in the large class of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I courses of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011
- ✓ To determine whether problems of control exist in the large class of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I courses of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011

- ✓ To determine whether problems of individual attention exist in the large class of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I courses of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011
- ✓ To determine whether problems of evaluation exist in the large class of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I courses of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011
- ✓ To determine whether problems of learning effectiveness exist in the large class of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I courses of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011
- ✓ To determine whether those problems of large class affect the classroom management in Intermediate English I and Advanced English I courses of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011

1.3 JUSTIFICATION

The teaching of a foreign language is founded on an adequate curriculum that provides both the teachers and the students with the integral knowledge by giving the necessary tools to fulfill their expectations that consist of the development of the students' four macro skills. Since in the University of El Salvador student overpopulation presents a series of problems, the researchers attempted to identify the major problems that large class has on classroom management in the groups of Intermediate and Advanced English I at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II– 2011.

The present investigation awoke interest because there is a lack of studies focused on the problems that large class may have on classroom management since not enough attention is given to classroom management issues in language classrooms at the University of El Salvador. The few available studies are focused on the strategies that teachers use to cope with large classes and also on the main factors to achieve an excellent classroom management. So, this investigation is very relevant because there are lots of English students in the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus every year who do not know how to deal with the problems a large class may arise. In fact, previous observation and spontaneous talks showed that many students face problems when being in a large class, especially Intermediate and Advanced English students for whom it is crucial to develop their four macro skills in these courses to be able to pass to the next level of language proficiency, English in this case.

It is clear from the few literature that large classes at university level generate some problems for teachers and students alike, which can contribute to less effective teaching and learning process. Therefore, to carried out this research was very important to make students and teachers aware of and cope with the problems arisen by large class on classroom management in order to find out the most important aspects that need more attention and avoid failing subjects, dropping out, changing major, and so forth. Even though it is not possible to eliminate these problems definitely, to pay attention to these problematic situations and give the corresponding solutions or alternatives may help to diminish them and improve the teaching -learning process of Intermediate and Advanced English students setting up recommendations and concrete activities which are expected to be taken into account by the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador. According to Mújica E. and Bellosta R. (2009), the adjustment of students to their new environment will let them complete their major satisfactorily and will help them to overcome the difficulties they find when they begin their major at the university.

1.4 LIMITATIONS

Since experts agreed that a large class has more than 25 students (Murphy 1998), the researchers decided to take into account for the administration of the instruments only the groups with more than 25 students. According to the official registration from the Academic Administration the seven groups of Advanced English I had more than 25 students. However, three of the teachers in charge of

those groups did not allow the researchers to observe their classes because they maintain that they had less than 25 students despite the researchers gave them a letter explaining the procedures and objectives of the investigation. Besides, a teacher did not want to collaborate to answer the questionnaire; he did not give it back to the team work. Furthermore, not all the groups of Intermediate English I were large. Even though there were 10 groups, the administration of the instruments was focused only on 8 groups because just those groups had more than 25 students. Also, the period to collect the data took longer since elections period to elect the authorities of the University of El Salvador took place. Consequently, the researchers could not administrate the instruments during the weeks they had scheduled. Moreover, some questionnaires addressed to the students under study seemed not to be answered honestly. However, the point of view of the teachers and researchers helped to deal with those results.

CHAPTER II

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Over the last 15 years, many studies and methods have been used to investigate student teachers' point of view concerning the problems of class size with regards to the teaching-learning process. According to Croll and Hastings (1996), class size effects cannot be just a matter of the number of students in a class. The number of students must have an effect on other classroom processes and activities which themselves bear more directly on learning. Class size can affect significant and interrelated aspects of teacher's practice as classroom management (Wilson, 2006).

Class Size

Class size is an important factor of classroom management. Classes might be small or large, in both cases teachers are expected to teach in an effective way with the students' educational interest and learning. Thus, the definition of a small or large class may differ; for instance, Hayes (1997) says there is no quantitative definition of what constitutes a large class, as people's perception of this varies from context to context. Hargreaves, Galton, and Pell (1998) indicate that there is little agreement about the optimal size of a class. However, according to Murphy (1998) a small class contains 13-17 students while a large class (regular) contains 22-25 students.

According to Krieger (2003), teachers in small-size classes use more facial expressions, more eye contact, more positive remarks, spend more time on direct instruction than on classroom management and work more often in small groups than they do in the regular-size classes. Bennett (1996) designed a study to assess the attitudes and perceptions and experiences of head teachers, parents, and teachers related to the current situation regarding class size. Such study also attempted to determine whether class size affects the students' learning experience and the teachers' classroom practices. Furthermore, in smaller classes behavior is better and classroom management of behavior is easier (Cooper 1989).

The term "Large Class" generally sets up negative connotations of undesirable consequences and problems (Fahmida, 2007). English language teachers tend to view teaching English in large classes negatively. According to Hayes (1997), large English classes are often associated with disorderliness, lack of control, lack of concentration, lack of classroom interaction, and thus lack in the ability to speak English fluently. Kennedy and Kennedy (1996) feel that it is difficult to control what happens when the number of group passes a certain number. Harmer (2000) also finds out in his study that large classes bring difficulties to both teachers and students and process of teaching and learning. It is difficult for teachers to contact the students sitting at the back and for students to get the individual attention, and it is even impossible to organize dynamic and creative teaching and learning sessions. However, not all English teachers think that class size matters; such teachers believe that a good teacher is good whether he teaches

small or large classes. Felder (1997), for example, argues that "there are ways to make large classes almost as effective as their smaller counterparts".

Ur (2000) and Hess (2001) maintain that large classes can provide richer human resources and greater opportunities for creativity than smaller class; some Chinese researchers also identify some advantages of teaching large classes. Xu Zhichang (2001) notices that more students mean more ideas, and therefore, provide more opinions and possibilities. Therefore large classes bring not only challenges but also opportunities for teachers, as noted by Lewis and Woodward (1988), it is the teaching methodology rather than class size that contributes best to the efficacy of teaching.

Classroom Management

In the teaching learning process, classroom management stands at a position of essential importance. Good classroom management creates a learning environment where effective teaching and learning occur while poor classroom management often damages the students' desire for learning and spoils the teacher's passion for teaching no matter how well he has prepared for the class (Yi, n.d.).

Without good classroom management there is no way for learning to take place. According to British Council (2007), classroom management refers to the ability to plan, control, and facilitate interaction in the classroom that is appropriate to the activity and promotes learning. So an affective classroom environment for EFL

learning must contribute to a relaxed atmosphere in which the students feel easy and eager to involve themselves into the classroom activities.

Due to large class sizes limiting the learning environment, language teachers feel there are several pedagogical issues that are weakened at times. These include difficulties with speaking, reading, and writing tasks, difficulties with monitoring and giving feedback, problems in individualizing work, avoidance of tasks that are demeaning to implement, difficulty getting around the classrooms, and poor attention of students (Christensen, 1994).

According to Risley (1994), teachers also deal with management problems, such as pair/group work being difficult to execute, the high noise level that exists, the need for using a loud voice is tiring, impossibility to attend to all students, discipline problems, and difficulties giving back homework quickly after tests. Affective concerns include difficulty in learning student names, establishing affective rapport with students, attending weaker students, and assessing student interests and moods. Thus, Hayes (1997) summarized the problems with teaching in large classes as follows: 1) discomfort, 2) control, 3) individual attention, 4) evaluation, and 5) learning effectiveness.

1- Discomfort (caused by the physical constraints)

According to Cambridge Dictionaries Online (2011), discomfort is a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally, or something that causes this. Many teachers are worried by the physical constraints imposed by large numbers in confined classrooms. They feel unable to promote student interaction, since there is

no room to move about. Some teachers also feel that teaching in large classes is physically very wearing (Hayes, 1997). Ely (1986) suggested an inverse relationship between "language class discomfort" and personality traits such as risk-taking and sociability. Besides, according to Strevens (1978), overcrowded classes reduce teacher's attention per pupil and produce real physical discomfort and distraction, extreme heat and cold in the classroom. Senior (1997) states that many teachers hold that a good language class has an atmosphere of a "feeling of warmth and comfort", "mutual support and respect", "a safe environment and absence of fear", "a feeling of cooperation, relaxation, and trust", etc.

2- Control

Teachers are often worried by the discipline aspects of large classes. They feel they are unable to control what is happening and that the classes become too noisy (Hayes, 1997). According to the Educational Dictionary (2001) control, in education, refers to the organized purposive management of learners and learning environments by a teacher. It is most often understood as the authoritative direction and ordering of pupil behavior. Like discipline, it is a term which sits uneasily with modern conceptions of freedom and equality and rights. Hess (2001) has admitted that teachers feel the loss of authority; they often feel that with a large number of students in a class it is more difficult to maintain discipline. Moreover, Kennedy and Kennedy (1996) stated that it is difficult to control what happens when the number of group passes a certain number.

3- Lack of Individual Attention

When students are in large classes it is very hard for the teacher to give every student individual attention. As far as students are attentive in the class, teacher's attention to individual hardly matters. Many teachers are concerned that they are neglecting the needs of their students as individuals (Hayes, 1997). Generally, these students who are neglected are those who need more help from the teacher. Lack of individual attention will become negative stimulus and cause students to lose their interest and be unwilling to cooperate with the teacher in class. What is more their negative feeling may spread to others, and make more students feel discomfort (depressed),so large class teachers should often take some measures in their class to arouse the students interest and initiative (Peng 2007). Not all students in a class need personal attention, because they are smart and grasp the lessons quickly by themselves. However some of the students who are a little weak can surely get personal attention of the teachers (Scribd 2011).

Using the students' names can help to build positive relationships between the teacher and the students, a key factor in classroom learning (Allen, 1999; Epanchin et al., 1994). Students may feel isolated if they are made to feel anonymous. Teachers should use students' names when eliciting and asking questions (Prodromou 1994). In larger classes, however, the sheer memory load of learning all of the students' names may make this impossible (Dudley-Evans & St. John, 1998; Hubbard et al., 1983; LoCastro, 1989). While teachers may wish to address the students individually by name, in large classes it is expected that the

teacher's use of students' names is less than in small classes. However, teachers are more likely to provide individualized attention in small class (Wilson, 20006). Blatchford (2003) showed the importance teachers attach to individual attention as the basis for effective teaching and how this suffered in larger classes and that in small classes pupils were more likely to be the focus of a teacher's attention. Conversely, in a large class there is more chance that a pupil would be in an 'audience' mode, that is, listening to the teacher address all pupils equally or another pupil. Small classes therefore seem to allow more individual attention, while in large classes students are more likely to be one of the crowd. (Yuan, 2006) in large class, the frequent teacher-student interaction will decrease significantly owing to the limitation of time and the super-size of the class. Teachers feel much harder to respond to the students as individuals.

4- Evaluation

Allen and Rueter (1990) stated that in a large class, the options for alternate types of evaluations other than the examination are limited. This limitation is primarily controlled by the number of students; any number over 100 makes alternate forms of evaluation very difficult. Teachers feel a responsibility for checking all of their students' work, and are worried if they cannot do so. Teachers worry that they cannot properly evaluate the students' work (Hayes, 1997). According to Redfield (2006) teachers too usually favor small classes, both for educational reasons (more personal attention) and also probably for efficiency reasons (it takes less time to correct homework and test, for example).

The criteria for evaluating teaching vary between disciplines and within disciplines, and should take into consideration the level of the course, the instructor's objectives and style, and the teaching methodology employed (The Teaching Assessment and Evaluation Guide, 2002). Classroom assessment and grading practices have the potential not only to measure and report learning but also to promote it. Indeed, researches have documented the benefits of regular use of diagnostic and formative assessments as feedback for learning (Black, Harrison, Lee, Marshall, & William, 2004). It has been common in the educational lexicon to distinguish between assessment for certification (summative assessment) and assessment for learning (formative assessment) (Rowntree, 1987; Scriven, 1967).

Formative Assessment

Formative assessment of teaching can be carried out at any points during an instructional period, in the classroom or virtual environment, to compare the perceptions of the instructor with those of the students, and to identify gaps between what has been taught and what students have learned. The purpose of assessment is to find out what changes teachers might make in teaching methods or style, course organization or content, evaluation and grading procedures, etc in order to improve student learning. Assessment is initiated by the instructor and information and feedback can be solicited from many sources (for example, self, students, colleagues, consultants) using a variety of instruments surveys, on-line forms, etc (The Teaching Assessment and Evaluation Guide, 2002).

Formative assessments occur concurrently with instruction. These ongoing assessments provide specific feedback to teachers and students for the purpose of guiding teaching to improve learning. Formative assessments include both formal and informal methods, such as ungraded quizzes, oral questioning, teacher observations, draft work, think-aloud, student-constructed concept maps, learning logs, and portfolio reviews.

Summative Assessment

Summative evaluation, by contrast, is usually conducted at the end of a particular course or at specific points in an instructor's career. The purpose is to form a judgment about the effectiveness of a course and/or an instructor. The judgment may be used for tenure and promotion decisions, to reward success in the form of teaching awards or merit pay, or to enable departments to make informed decisions about changes to individual courses, the curriculum or teaching assignments. At most universities, summative evaluation includes the results of teaching evaluations regularly scheduled at the end of academic terms (The Teaching Assessment and Evaluation Guide, 2002).

Summative assessments summarize what students have learned at the conclusion of an instructional segment. These assessments tend to be evaluative, and teachers typically encapsulate and report assessment results as a score or a grade. Familiar examples of summative assessments include tests, performance tasks, final exams, culminating projects, and work portfolios. Evaluative assessments command the attention of students and parents because their results typically "count" and appear on report cards and transcripts. But by themselves,

summative assessments are insufficient tools for maximizing learning. Waiting until the end of a teaching period to find out how well students have learned is simply too late. (McTighe and O'Connor, 2005).

5- Learning effectiveness

Learning is effective when learners are motivated and eager participants in their learning. Learners are aware of their progress and strengths. They make appropriate progress from their prior levels of attainment and wider achievements. They are responsible and contribute actively to the life of the school and the wider community. They are actively involved in their own learning and development and demonstrate increasing skills (Perth & Kinross 2008-2009).

According to the Institute of Education (2002), learning is that reflective activity which enables the learner to draw upon previous experience to understand and evaluate the present, so as to shape future action and formulate new knowledge. All teachers want their students to learn; they are understandably worried if they don't know who is learning. Strevens (1978), argued that an overcrowded class is one of the constraints on teaching /learning effectiveness. Mutawa´ and Kailani (1989) stated that large classes make it difficult for the teacher to supervise pupils which would lead to ineffectiveness in teaching and learning. Apart from opening oneself up to other people, sharing in the language classroom means that students help each other develop effective learning strategies that enable them to increase their repertoire of cognitive skills (Turula 2002).

2.1 HYPOTHESIS

Discomfort, lack of control, lack of individual attention, evaluation, and learning effectiveness are the major problems of large class on classroom management that students of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I of the Foreign Language Department at the main Campus of the University of El Salvador face during term II-2011

2.2 OPERATIONALIZATION OF VARIABLES

General Objective	Hypothesis	Unit of observation	Variables	Definition of the variable
To identify the major problems of large class on classroom management	individual Intermediate English and Advanced English	Intermediate English I	Class size	A small class contains 13-17 students large class (regular) contains 22-25 students.
that students of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I of the		Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the	I courses of the	Discomfort
Foreign Language Department at the main Campus of the University of El Salvador face during term II – 2011	effectiveness are the major problems of large class on classroom		Control	Usually refers to the organized, purposive management of learners and learning environments by a teacher. It is most often understood as the authoritative direction and ordering of pupil behavior.
	management that students of Intermediate English I and Advanced English I of the Foreign	Individual attention	An act or process of focusing on one or more information in the content of one's consciousness to provide special clearance to essentials. By restricting one's sensory input from the environment's unwanted aspects By providing attention to the student, the teacher is making sure the student stays focused on the learning situation.	
Language Department at the main Campus of the University of El Salvador face during term II- 2011	Evaluation	Is often used in education relating to judgments about the effectiveness of practice, policy, or about professional competence		
		Learning effectiveness	Reflective activity which enables the learner to draw upon previous experience to understand and evaluate the present, so as to shape future action and formulate new knowledge	

General	Unit of	Variable	Indicators
Objective	observation		
			a small class contains 13-17 students
To identify the	Students of	Class size	a large class (regular) contains 22-25 students
major problems	Intermediate		a large state (regular) contains 22 25 statement
of large class	English I and		It relates to classroom facilities; physical space, environment /atmosphere, sitting, noise level ,extreme
on classroom	Advanced English	Discomfort	heat or cold, students' and teachers' needs (enough desks, sight, lights, board, tables, chair, etc.),
management	I courses of the		students'/teachers' mood (anxious, ashamed, bored, relaxed, uncomfortable, etc.), difficulty to listen
that students of	Foreign Language		
Intermediate	Department at the		It relates to discipline aspects; establishing rules (late arrivals, leaving the class too early frequently, use
English I and	Main Campus of	control	of cell phones, etc.) noise level, distractions, too much talk, students' attention and interest, behavior
Advanced	the university of el		problems, disruptions (cell phones, iPods, pen taping) or any other situation
English I of the	Salvador during		
Foreign	term II-2011		Student-teacher and teacher-student interaction, eye contact, learning the students' names, do not
Language		individual	recognize some students, monitoring students' work, individual assistance, students' needs, etc.
Department at		attention	
the main			It involves formative and summative assessment; giving feedback, exams, reports, research papers,
Campus of the		evaluation	essays, presentations, group projects, portfolio, students' participation, delay to give grades, attendance,
University of EI			monitoring, etc.
Salvador face			
during term II –			refusal to participate, no chance to participate, no chance to clarify doubts, no chance to get involved in
2011		learning	every activity, effective teaching-learning process, dismiss a variety of activities to develop the four macro skills
		effectiveness	

CHAPTER III

METHODOLOGICAL DESIGN

This chapter explains the procedure followed to carry out the investigation. First, a brief description of the type of research is presented. Second, the descriptions of the population and sample are included. Third, the research techniques and instruments are described in the order they were used. Finally, the process that was followed to analyze and interpret data is presented as well.

3.1 TYPE OF PARADIGM AND TYPE OF RESEARCH

This research was a quantitative study because it measured students' and teachers' opinions and how they thought and acted in a particular way in relation to the problem under study as well. Besides, the causal-comparative design was used to determine how the independent variable "large class" affects the dependent variable "classroom management". The investigation was carried out in the natural environment where the phenomenon occurs.

3.2 POPULATION AND SAMPLE

In order to carry out this research, the researchers took into account eight groups of Intermediate English I and four groups of Advanced English I of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011. The researchers administrated the questionnaires to all the students of the 12 groups summing up a total population of 394 students. So, by

using the following formula the researchers were able to obtain the sample which was of 195 students.

$$n = \frac{Z^2PQN}{E^2 (N-1) + Z^2PQ}$$

$$n = \frac{(1.96)^2 (0.5) (0.5) 394}{(393) (0.05)^2 + (1.96)^2 (0.5) 0.5}$$

$$n = \frac{378.3976}{0.9825 + 0.9604}$$

$$n = \frac{378.3976}{1.9429}$$

$$n = 194.75$$

$$n = 195$$

Where: $\mathbf{n} = \text{sample}$; $\mathbf{N} = \text{population}$; $\mathbf{Z} = \text{score}$; $\mathbf{PQ} = \text{percentage to be included}$ or excluded; $\mathbf{E} = \text{standard error}$.

The general population was composed of 394 students and by using this formula the researchers were able to obtain the sample which was of 195 students. Having determined the sample, 195 students were picked out randomly using a Table of Random Digits (Rand Corporation, 2011). In this way, each individual had the same probability of being chosen from the entire population.

3.3 RESEARCH TECHNIQUES AND INSTRUMENTS

For conducting the data gathering, the researchers got the consent of the teachers and students involved. The consent of the teachers in charge of the groups was required to carry out the observation and the administration of the questionnaires. Moreover, the research team gave the teachers a letter explaining the procedures and objectives of the investigation.

In order to identify the problems of large class on classroom management on Intermediate and Advanced English students at the Central Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II – 2011, two techniques were used: the questionnaire and the observation. For conducting the data collection, the following instruments were used:

- Two questionnaires: one addressed to the Intermediate and Advanced English students of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011 with the purpose of gathering information about the problems of large class on classroom management (annex A) and the other questionnaire was addressed to the teachers in charge of the subject to know their opinions about the same aspects (annex B).
- A checklist (structured observation) (annex C): it was used to observe behaviors and attitudes of the students in their environment about the about the different aspects related to the problems of large class on classroom management in the groups of Intermediate and Advanced English I of the

Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011.

3.4 PROCESS TO VALIDATE INSTRUMENTS

After the elaboration of the instruments, their validation and application followed. First, the researchers requested the assistance to three specialized professors in the field in order to validate them. In this way, the instruments were improved because the professors recommended some changes. Second, after making the pertinent changes to the checklists and the questionnaires, the researchers validated the instruments with a group of ten students who were part of the population. Students and researchers scheduled the date and time for the administration of the questionnaires. For answering the questionnaires, students took about 12 minutes. Subsequently, the researchers asked them some questions in order to find out whether they had had any doubt about the items. Furthermore, they verify whether the questionnaires were answered correctly or if there were some items left, as well. Fortunately, the students did not have any trouble when answering the questions. All of them were correctly filled in. Regarding the checklist, the researchers observed a class to find out if problems could arise when answering it, but there were any problems. Finally, a third way of validating the instruments was applied. The researchers introduced the items of the two questionnaires into the SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) and the checklist to the program NVivo as well to verify if they could be processed. Hence, no more changes were required.

3.5 PROCESS TO ANALYZE AND INTERPRET DATA

The analysis was based on all the information gathered from the instruments that were used. In this way, the results were more objective since it was taken into account the point of view not only of the students, but also the teachers and the researchers.

After collecting data from the administered instruments, the researchers did the following: First, they numbered the questionnaires and checklists. Next, to build the necessary databases the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software was used and enabled further analysis and interpretation of relevant data. The procedure was done through the use of Univariate Analysis (descriptive statistics) since it enables the examination of each variable of the study. Thus, for generating the 67 graphs from the two questionnaires addressed to the students (annex F) and teachers (annex G), frequency statistics were used. After generating those graphs, the graphs of each questionnaire were classified in relation to the five variables under study. By this means, to create five graphs from the teachers' questionnaires and five from the students' questionnaires to represent each of the variables, the mean was applied. To compute the mean, the sum of the values of every graph belonging to each variable was taken and divided by the number of the values. In this way, the researchers could obtain five graphs to represent the teachers' point of view and five to represent the students' point of view. Finally, for building up the five comparative graphs presented below, the highest percentages from the teachers' and students' graphs of each variable were taken into account.

Besides, the program NVivo was of great help in this phase as well because it allowed the researchers to organize the checklists. In this way, researchers could compare patterns within the categories and across documents in order to analyze and interpret data to draw pertinent conclusions. One important aspect that was taken into account at the moment of dealing with the data was confidentiality. Details that could allow individuals to be identified were not required. Moreover, the data was not shared with anybody else but the researchers because data protection was important to avoid total or partial reproduction. Finally, another important aspect that was taken into consideration was objectivity which required intellectual honesty and impartiality to avoid subordination of judgments.

CHAPTER IV

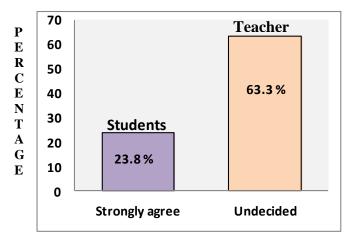
ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

The following analysis is based on all the information gathered from all the instruments used: a checklist and two questionnaires. A checklist was used to observe students' behaviors and attitudes inside the classroom about the different aspects related to the problems of large class on classroom management. Two questionnaires were administered to Intermediate and Advanced English students of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus. The last questionnaire was addressed to the teachers in charge of these groups to know their opinions about the same aspects. Thus, all the information was analyzed according to the variables under study; that is, discomfort, control, evaluation, individual attention, and learning effectiveness.

Variable 1: DISCOMFORT

In the large class, limited and poor facilities such as physical space, environment, noise level, few desks, etc. make students and teachers feel uncomfortable. For this graph, items from 1 to 13 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English students (annex A) were taken into account and items from 1 to 6 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English instructors (annex B), as well.

Graph 1

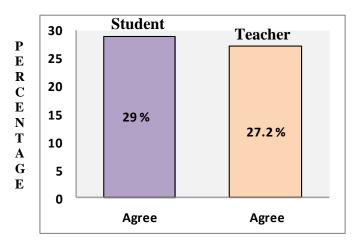


Students strongly agree that limited and poor classroom facilities make them feel uncomfortable in the large class. As regards to the teachers, they are undecided. This could happen because this problem affects more directly to the students than the teachers. While some teachers look relaxed teaching in the large class, the majority of them look uncomfortable with this situation since they could hardly move around the classroom and do not even have a table to place their material or aids to teach.

Variable 2: CONTROL

In the large class, discipline problems ,behavior problems, disruptions, lack of students' attention and interest, noise level, monitoring, distractions, etc. are difficult to control. For this graph, items from 14 to 21 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English students (annex A) were taken into account and items from 7 to 12 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English instructors (annex B), as well.

Graph 2

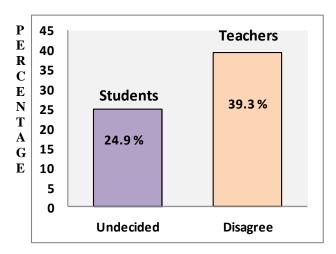


Definitely, students and teachers agree that there is lack of control in the large class. It is difficult to maintain students' attention, interest, in such overcrowded classes where noise takes over the class again and again and students get distracted easily. Besides, this problem could be observed more in the groups with young teachers in charge.

Variable 3: INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

In the large class, it is not difficult for the teacher to give every student individual attention. For this graph, items from 22 to 27 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English students (annex A) were taken into account and items from 13 to 18 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English instructors (annex B), as well.

Graph 3

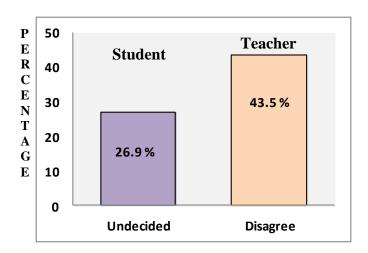


The majority of the students are undecided whether the teacher is able to provide individual attention to every student in the large class. On the other hand, teachers agree that in the large class it is not possible to provide individual attention to every student. Moreover, researchers could observe that there is a lack of individual attention since there were too many students to pay special attention to every of them.

Variable 4: EVALUATION

In the large class, to evaluate the students by formative and summative assessment is difficult. For this graph, items from 28 to 31 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English students (annex A) were taken into account and items from 19 to 23 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English instructors (annex B), as well.

Graph 4

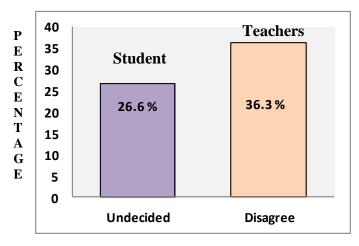


A great part of the students are undecided whether there are problems of evaluation by using formative and summative assessment in the large class. Conversely, the teachers disagree with that statement mainly because researchers noticed that the majority of the teachers have two teacher assistant to help them in and out the class with these issues.

Variable 5: LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS

In the large class, no chance to participate, refusal to participate, no chance to clarify doubts, no chance to get involved in every activity, makes the teaching-learning process ineffective. For this graph, items from 32 to 36 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English students (annex A) were taken into account and items from 24 to 31 of the questionnaire addressed to intermediate and advanced English instructors (annex B), as well.

Graph 5



A great percentage of the teachers agree that the learning process is effective in the large class. However, a significant part of the students is undecided about the statement. Nevertheless, according to what the researchers could observe, the learning is not effective satisfactorily since not all the students have the chance to be involved in the activities, participate, or clarify their doubts. Mainly, only the student sit at the front are participating and getting involved in the activities most of the time.

GENERAL INTERPRETATION

To determine the problems of large class on classroom management that Intermediate and Advanced English students of the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011 face, it is necessary to make a precise analysis. Problems of discomfort, control, individual attention, evaluation, and learning effectiveness have been investigated and analyzed by means of a questionnaire and class observation.

The results show that the problem of discomfort affects more directly to the students than the teachers. Especially, it is reflected in the items about atmosphere and physical space. The researchers attribute that students feel more uncomfortable than teachers because teachers have a specific place to be in the classroom, but students have to be early or rush from class to class if they want to find a place to be comfortable during the class.

Regarding the problem of control, results reveal that students and teachers agree that there are some inconveniences to maintain the control in the large class; that is, especially problems with noise level, distractions, too much talk, and students' attention and interest. Consequently, this problem is the only one that affects directly classroom management since maintaining discipline or managing the class properly is one of the most difficult tasks for teachers. It could be seen in the observations that maintaining students' interest and attention was not easy for some of the teachers, especially for young teachers. Noise and distractions were very

frequently during the classes. Besides, many of the teachers were not able to notice and some others did not even care if one or more students were not interested or doing other things not related to the class because the classroom was too crowded to notice it.

As regards to individual attention results show that the students are undecided whether the teacher provides individual attention to all of them in the large class. Conversely, teachers agree that in the large class it is not possible to provide individual attention to every student. To support this, the researchers can state that there is a significant lack of individual attention. This was very evident during the class; students were asking for teacher's assistance and the teacher was not able to help all the students since they were too many. In some classrooms, the teacher could not even move around the room because of the large number of students to monitor their work. Students do not receive the same level of attention in a large class; there is a little chance to interact with the teacher and it takes a great deal of time to give feedback to students equally. In addition, many students are often found left behind in a large class. Hence, only the students who were closer get the teacher's assistance, generally.

Concerning evaluation problem, the students are undecided whether there are problems of evaluation or not in the large class. On the other hand, the teachers disagree with that statement. Therefore, researchers state that teachers do not have problems of evaluation since the majority of teachers have two teacher assistants to help them inside and outside the classroom to cope with this issue. In some cases, it

was observed that teacher assistants also help the teacher to monitor students and give feedback at the right moment.

As regards to learning effectiveness, it was found out that the result is not satisfactory. Even though teachers agree that learning is effective, students are undecided. But observational and comparative data helped the researchers to find out that while learning can occur in such settings, the quality and quantity of teaching and learning tends to be much lower. During the class, a considerably number of students had not a good performance. Mainly, they show refusal to participate though the teacher motivated to do it. Also, not all of them have the chance to participate in the activities; hence, they could not clarify their doubts. There is a variety of obstacles that emerge within large classrooms that can negatively impact teaching and learning making the teaching —learning process low. Mutawa' and Kailani (1989) stated that large classes make it difficult for the teacher to supervise pupils which would lead to ineffectiveness in teaching and learning.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

Large classes in many countries are, especially in third world countries, unavoidable. There are the typical features that characterize the education systems of those countries. Therefore, teachers of large classes have to apply different teaching techniques in order to manage these kinds of groups.

Nowadays it becomes a common phenomenon for the teacher to face many disruptive behaviors in the classroom. Before it becomes a serious classroom management problem, teachers should have the ability to employ affective organizational practices. These kinds of practices facilitate the teaching process and are essential to established and maintain classroom control. Classroom management would not be a challenging task for any teacher if they have the proper knowledge of classroom management theories and techniques. The only thing they have to do is to concentrate on the proper applications of those techniques according to the classroom environment and situation.

EFL classroom management should be aimed at establishing an appropriate environment for effective teaching and learning rather than discipline, order or control over the class. Discipline and control may be used as secondary means to achieve a desirable learning environment, a learning environment with a relaxed atmosphere and with plenty of opportunities for all the students to participate,

practice, and expressing their own ideas. Discipline problems should be prevented before they appear rather than be solved after they come to the class. Therefore, teachers should be aware of their role in the class, they are the managers or facilitators of the class who create and maintain a positive environment for students to speak, act, and play their role and thus learn actively and effectively in it.

Regarding large classes, it is kind of difficult for teachers to differentiate their instructional methods that may satisfy individually students' needs. The big number of students, each with different needs, makes such personalization difficult. Furthermore, within such crowds of students, teachers tend to require more time for classroom management. While large classes seem to be an inevitable problem at the University of El Salvador, it should not be assumed that the substandard teaching and learning that occurs there cannot be improved. Definitely, learning can occur in such settings, but the quality and quantity of teaching and learning tends to be much lower.

Understanding individual students as much as possible in the large English class is very important because the feeling of being cared by the teacher may lead students to interest and passion in learning, while the feeling of being neglected may disappoint the learners from the beginning and quit. In large classes the opportunity for contact between the teacher and students is significantly reduced because the teacher gives only general instructions to all the students, so when the students cannot get enough attention they become less interested in learning.

Finally, it can be said that a large class is a relative concept. Problems and difficulties of teaching associated with large classes can also be found in smaller

classes. Teachers need to view large classes from a different perspective and recognize that despite of so many disadvantages they can also provide many opportunities for teaching and learning. Definitely, class size is a determining issue that affects teaching efficiently. Teachers need to enhance their innovative awareness and capabilities for developing effective ways for dealing with large classes based on the characteristics of large classes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ The Academic Administration should deal with the problems of overcrowded classes by increasing the number of English classroom facilities in order to give the students more opportunities to learn effectively.
- ✓ Workshops or seminars should be held to bring together teachers from various universities or campuses with the purpose of comparing methods and exchanging ideas about their own experiences in dealing with the problems which are associated with the teaching of English in large class.
- ✓ Teachers of the Foreign Language Department should have more training
 opportunities regarding the use of effective teaching strategies such as
 cooperative learning and group discussion.

- ✓ Further studies are needed to investigate the effects of large classes on English language teachers at the foreign Language Department of the University of El Salvador.
- ✓ It is worth mentioning that despite the disadvantages of teaching English in large classes, not all students are against learning in large classes. Therefore, teachers of the Foreign Language Department should vary their teaching techniques accordingly, in order to ease the problems of teaching, and assessing large classes which result from the lack of teaching staff, facilities and space.
- ✓ If the Foreign Language Department at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador cannot avoid teaching in large classes, administrators need to provide sessions where students can practice in small groups and consult with their teachers.
- ✓ Teachers of the Foreign Language Department should foster students' independent learning abilities and reduce their dependence on teachers only.

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ANNEXES

UNIVERSIDAD DE EL SALVADOR FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS Y HUMANIDADES DEPARTAMENTO DE IDIOMAS EXTRANJEROS

GROUP:	DATE:

CUESTIONARIO DIRIGIDO A ESTUDIANTES DE INGLES INTERMEDIO INTENSIVO I Y AVANZADO I

INDICACIÓN: Por favor, indique con una \underline{X} su grado de acuerdo o desacuerdo respecto a las siguientes afirmaciones

Objective: To know the students' opinion toward the problems of large class on classroom management that exist in the Intermediate and advanced English groups of the Foreign Language Department at the main campus of the University of El Salvador during term II-2011

Directions: Kindly mark with the sign $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ for each of the following items according to your point of view. So, please be as objective as possible.

Nº	ITEM	Strongly	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly
		agree	(2)	(2)	(4)	disagree
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	I do not like the large class					
	because it is uncomfortable.					
2	In the large class, it is difficult					
	for the teacher to conduct					
	activities that require					
	students' interaction because					
	of the space (group work,					
	couple work, interviews,					
	circles, lines, etc).					
3	In the large class, it is difficult					
	to find a front row seat when					
	I come late					
4	If I sit at the back of the					
	classroom, I can't see clearly					
	the board.					
5	In the large class, I cannot					
	hear the teacher's					
	instructions clearly if I sit at					
	the back of the classroom.					
6	In the large class, the					
	atmosphere is favorable to					
	learn.					
7	The atmosphere in the large					
	class encourages me to learn.					

Νº	ITEM	Strongly	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly
		agree				disagree
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
8	In the large class, the weather					
	extreme heat, or cold do not					
	make me feel uncomfortable.					
9	Because the class is					
	overcrowded, I feel					
	uncomfortable and anxious.					
10	In the large class, I feel					
	relaxed.					
11	In the large class, the					
	atmosphere is noisy and					
	stressful.					
12	In the large class, there is					
	enough space to move easily.					
13	I think the classroom adjusts					
	all the students' needs.					
14	In the large class, I think the					
	teacher is able to control					
	discipline and behavior					
	problems.					
15	I get distracted easily in the					
	large class					
16	In the large class, the teacher					
	is able to control different					
	kinds of disruptions such as:					
	cell phones, iPods, speaking					
	aloud, and pen					
	twirling/tapping are too					
	frequent.					
17	In the large class, the teacher					
	is able to control any situation					
	that may come up.					
18	The teacher is good at having					
	students' attention and					
	interest.					
19	In the large class, I can use my					
	telephone mobile without					
	problems.					
20	In the large class, to establishes					
	some discipline rules since the					
	beginning of the term (late arrivals, leaving the class too					
	early frequently, attendance, etc)					
	is very important					
21	In the large class, there are					
	more opportunities for me to					
	cheat.					
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Nº	ITEM	Strongly	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly
		agree (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	disagree (5)
22	In the large class, the teacher	(+)	(2)	(3)	(7)	(3)
	has time to help all the					
	students.					
23	In the large class, the teacher					
	remembers all the students'					
24	names. The teacher recognizes me in					
24	and outside the large class.					
25	The teacher is able to					
	maintain eye contact during					
26	the class. There is a good teacher-					
20	student interaction in the					
	large class.					
27	I think the teacher knows all					
	the students' needs in the					
	large class.					
28	In the large class, the teachers					
	takes too long to check/give					
	back assignments (exercises,					
	exams, workbooks, homework, etc)					
29	In the large class, the teacher					
	is able to monitor all the					
	students' work constantly.					
30	In the large class, the teacher					
	gives feedback at the right					
21	moment.					
31	In the large class, it is important to have a rigorous					
	control of the students'					
	attendance.					
32	In the large class, students					
	have equal chances to					
	participate and practice.					
33	The teaching-learning process					
2.4	is effective in the large class.					
34	In the large class, the opportunities to clarify					
	doubts are so few					
35	In the large class, I have the					
	opportunity to get involved					
	actively in the activities.			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
36	I like to participate in the					
	large class.					

UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARMENT

QUESTIONNAIRE ADDRESSED TO INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED ENGLISH INSTRUCTORS

GROUP:	DATE
Objective: To know the instructor's opinion	n toward the problems of large class on
classroom management that exist in the Inter	mediate and advanced English groups of the
Foreign Language Department at the main ca	npus of the University of El Salvador during
term II-2011	
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Directions: Kindly mark with the sign $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ for each of the following items according to your point of view. So, please be as objective as possible.

Nº	ITEM	Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	In the large classroom, the students can move easily.					
2	In the classroom, there is enough space to do any kinds of activities					
3	In the large class, I have to speak very loud because the students can hardly hear me					
4	I feel relaxed teaching a large class					
5	The classroom adjusts all the teacher's needs					
6	In the large class, noise takes over the class					
7	In the large class, discipline and behavior problems are easy to control					
8	In the large class, students get distracted very easily					
9	In the large class, different kinds of disruptions such as: cell phones, iPods, and pen twirling/tapping are too frequent					

Nº	agree		Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
10	In the large class, it is easy to control any kind of situation					
11	In the large class, it is easy to maintain students' attention and interest.					
12	In the large class, to establish some discipline rules since the beginning of the term (late arrivals, leaving the class too early frequently, attendance, etc) is very important.					
13	In the large class, I have time to help all the students.					
14	In the large class, I remember all the students' names easily.					
15	In the large class, I have no difficulty to recognize the students in and outside the classroom.					
16	In the large class, to maintain eye contact with all the students is easy.					
17	In the large class, there is a good teacher-student interaction.					
18	In the large class, there's no difficulty to know all the students' needs.					
19	In the large class, it takes too long to check all the students' work (exercises, exams, assignments).					
20	In the large class, cheating is easy to be noticed.					
21	In the large class, all the students can be monitored without difficulty.					
22	In the large class, it is easy to evaluate the students by using Summative assessment.					

Nº	ITEM	Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
23	In the large class, it is easy to					
	evaluate the students by					
	using formative assessment					
24	In the large class, I give					
	feedback at the right					
	moment.					
25	In the large class, a rigorous					
	control of all the students'					
26	attendance can be kept.					
26	In the large class, all the students have the chance to					
	clarify their doubts.					
27	In the large class, students					
21	have equal chances to					
	participate and practice.					
28	In the large class, the					
	teaching-learning process is					
	effective.					
29	In the large class, there is a					
	variety of activities so that					
	the students can develop the					
	four macro skills.					
30	In the large class, students					
	get involved actively in the					
	activities.					
31	In the large class, the					
	students show no refusal to					
	participate.					

UNIVERSIDAD DE EL SALVADOR FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS Y HUMANIDADES DEPARTAMENTO DE IDIOMAS

OBSERVATION GUIDE
GROUP: DATE:
Objective : to observe behaviors and attitudes of the students in their environment about the problems of large class on classroom management that Intermediate English students of the Foreign Language Department experience at the Main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term II – 2011". DISCOMFORT
1 In the classroom, there is enough space, so that, students can move easily to do any kind of activities.
2. In the large class, what are the students'/teachers' mood (anxious, ashamed, bored, relaxed, uncomfortable, etc.)?
3 The classroom adjusts all the teacher and student's needs students' and teachers' needs (enough desks, sight, lights, board, tables, chair, etc.
4 In the large class, the noise takes over the class.
CONTROL 5 In the large class, the teacher is able to control the discipline and behavior problems or any kind of situation that may arise during the class.
6 In the large class, students get distracted very easily.

7 In the large class, there are different kinds of disruptions such as: cell phones, iPods, a pen twirling/tapping.	nd
8. – In the large class, it is easy for the teacher to maintain students' attention and interes	it.
9 In the large class, the teacher establishes some discipline rules since the beginning of t term (late arrivals, leaving the class too early frequently, etc).	:he
INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION 10 In the large class, the teacher has time to help all the students.	
11 In the large class, the teacher remembers all the students' names.	
12 In the large class, the teacher maintains eye contact with all the students.	
13 In the large class, there is a good teacher-student/ student-teacher interaction.	
EVALUATION 14 In the large class, the teacher monitors all the students without difficulty.	

- In the large class, the teacher gives feedback at the right moment.
- In the large class, the teacher keeps a rigorous control of all the students' attendance.
ARNING EFFECTIVENESS - In the large class, all the students have the chance to clarify their doubts.
- In the large class, there are equal chances for the students to participate and practice.
- In the large class, the teaching- learning process is effective
- In the large class, there is a variety of activities so that the students can develop the r macro skills.
-In the large class, there is an active involvement of the students in the activities.
-In the large class, the students show no refusal to participate.

Objective	Variable	Indicator	Informant1	Informant2	Informant3	Informant4	Informant5	Informant6
To identify the problems of large class on classroom management that intermediate and advanced English students of the Foreign Language		Physical space	No, there is not. There are too many desks and students, so that students move with difficulty.	No, there is not. There are too many students and desks. They cannot move easily therefore, there are some activities that the teacher does not do because of the space.	No, there is not. Students make groups to work in an activity but they move with difficulty because of the desks and the other students	There is not enough space because the number of students is large, and there are too many desks. So it is difficult for students to move around.	It is difficult to move in the classroom because of the large number of students; therefore, there is not enough space to walk around to do different activities.	It was not difficult to move in the classroom to do different activities because the classroom was just as large as the number of students; however, there were not too many desks, so the students had to get desks from outside.
Department experience at the main Campus of the University of El Salvador during term I1 – 2011	Discomfort	Students'/teacher s' mood	Teacher looks anxious; she tries to encourage students to participate in the activities. There were different kinds of students' mood: ashamed (some students when participating), bored, (during some activities), uncomfortable (because of the space)	Some of the students look bored while others look relaxed specially the ones sit at the front. On the other hand, the teacher looks uncomfortable because he does not have enough space to move.	The majority of the students look relaxed and willing to participate a few of them looks bored during the class, especially the ones sit at the back. Also the teacher looks very confident and relaxed during the class.	the teacher looked relaxed (the class seemed to be well prepared) some students anxious (in group work) uncomfortable (because of the space)	A few students were really relaxed and comfortable in the class because they were paying attention to the teacher's explanation. On the other hand, the other students were not paying attention; they looked uninterested, sleepy, and bored. Although some students were not interested in class the teacher looked relaxed because she kept on explaining the	Students were interested in class since they were and comfortable in completing the tasks they were assigned to do. On the other hand, the teacher looked relaxed because all the students were working.

							lesson to the students who were paying attention.	
		Students' and teachers' needs	No, because there were not enough desk. Students have to go out, look for a desk, and take it inside the classroom	No there is no desk for the teacher or chair for him to place their things.	No, it does not. The teacher uses a tape recorder but there is a desk to put it on.	The classroom does not adjusts to their needs because it is not so big, it is really dark, and very hot.	The classroom was not big enough for the large number of students because they could not move and the classroom was really hot.	The classroom was big enough for number of students because they could move easily; however, there were just a few desks for the large number of students.
		Noise level	Yes, when the teacher started the lesson some students are talking and it is a little bit difficult for her to have the students quiet.	Not this time. The teacher asks them to remain silent quickly, so students were most of the time quiet.	Yes, it does sometime. But the teacher asks students to remain silent and pay attention	In spite of the fact that the teacher is speaking loudly, the students sit at the back make lot of noise when the teacher is writing on the board.	The noise took over the class because some students were talking, at the same time as the teacher was explaining the lesson	The noise did not take over the class because the students were focused in what they were doing. There were just a small number of students who were talking, but they did it very noiselessly.
	Control	Discipline and behavior problems	No, she is not. There are some students speaking aloud and they do not care about what she is saying. She calls their attention many times but they do not care.	No, she is not. There are some students talking and they do not care about what the teacher is saying.	This time, there are neither discipline problems nor behavior problems.	In this class, discipline and behavior problems are easy to be notice because the teacher asks them not to sit near the windows at the beginning of the class. However, they do it.	It was difficult for the teacher to control the discipline problems because they did not care about what the teacher was explaining. For example when the teacher was assigning a task, some students got in and out of	It was not difficult for the teacher to control the discipline problems because they were quiet, and the ones that got in and out asked for permission to the teacher.

Distraction	Some students, others are with cell phones or talking with someone else	Not this time the students were quiet and paying attention.	They begin talking with their partners or looking though the window.	Yes, students get distracted very easily just the students sit at the front are paying attention to the teacher. On the other hand the rest of the students are doing other stuff.	the classroom to answer their cell phones, and they did not ask for permission The students who were sitting at the back got distracted very easily because they started talking whenever they could because the teacher did not see them since the teacher could not walk through the rows.	Some students got distracted very easily because they were sitting at the back near the windows. But the other students were paying attention.
Disruptions such as: cell phones, ipods, and pen twirling/tapping	Yes, there are. Pen twirling and some cell phones ring during the class.	Some students are talking, one student is using the cell phone, and the teacher asks them not to use it in the class.	No, there are not problems like those this time.	There are different kinds of disruptions because students are talking, a cell phones ring during the class, and s student laughs even loudly.	There were different kinds of disruptions such as: chatting, pen tapping, students getting in and out of the classroom	There were different kinds of disruptions such as: chatting, pen tapping, but with just a few students who sat near the windows.
Students attention and Interest	No, it is not, just the ones that sit at the front seem interested and willing to participate. Yes, he does.	Yes, it is easy for him. He walks around the classroom and speaks in a bossy way so that students are attentive. Maybe when he	Yes, it is easy for her. She moves around the classroom and her tone of voice gets students' attention. Just attendance	It is difficult to maintain the students' attention because they are too many. It is difficult for them to look at the board because there is not enough light.	The teacher maintained students' attention, but only the ones who were at the front because the ones at the back got involved in other activities. Discipline rules	The teacher maintained students' attention because he could walk around to check what they were doing, and ask them to be quiet.
	Students have to be	calls students	is keep.	are set since the	were set at the	were set at the

	Establishing rules	on time and nobody is allowed to come to the classroom after 7:10 a.m.	attention because they get very late at the class.		beginning of the term, but students do not take them in to account. They get late at the class, others leave the class early and do not ask for permission.	beginning of the term, although students did not take into account because they did not ask for permission to leave, or to get in the classroom.	beginning of the term, because everybody was on time for the class, and the ones who got in and out asked for permission.
	Time to help all the students	No, because there are too many students. Time is not enough to help all of them.	During the activities the teacher just sits, he did not walk around to monitor students.	No she does not. She can help just few of the students.	The teacher does not have time to help all the students. It is difficult for him to move around and get the students who need help.	The teacher helped the ones who were close to her, and the ones she could reach because there were too many desks	The teacher assisted the students who needed help. But he did not help all the students because there were too many students.
Individual attention	Remember all the students' names	She does not call someone specifically during the class.	No, he does not he remembers just few of them.	She does. She calls the majority of the students by their names.	He does not remember all the students' names because he is checking the attendance list to call the students by their names	She remembered students' names because she called them out by their names.	The teacher did not remember all the students' names because he sometimes called the students out by their names, and sometimes he asked them what their names were.
	Eye contact	Yes, when she explains the lesson, she tries to maintain eye contact with all the students.	Yes he does, while he is explaining the lesson he does it with the majority of students.	Yes she does, while she is teaching she tries to maintain eye contact with majority of the students.	It is difficult because there are too many students.	It was difficult for her to maintain eye contact because there were too many students.	The teacher tried to maintain eye contact with all the students because he was constantly walking around to see what they were doing.

studer	nts/student- students.	Teacher- students/student- teacher interaction	Yes there is. The students and teacher communicates among others.	Yes there is. She is very friendly with students. She treats them respectfully so do students	There is a good teacher-student interaction, but just with the ones that sit near him because they are asking questions all the time.	There was a good interaction because the students who were participating got along with the teacher very well, as a result they were willing to answer whatever she asked	There was a good teacher-student/ student-teacher interaction because the students were very respectful to the teacher.
		Monitor all the students	No, he does not he was sit and does not monitor students work.	Yes, she does. She moves around to check students' work.	No, he cannot monitor all of them because there is no space to walk around the classroom. He monitors only the ones that are at the front	The teacher did not monitor very often because it was difficult for her to around.	The teacher monitored the students without difficulty because the classroom was big, and the teacher could walk around. However, there was not time enough for monitoring all the students.
Give	No, she does not. They are participating and she interrupts them when they are talking.	Give feedback	No, he does not do it this time.	Yes, she does. She explains again and gives more examples when she realizes that students have doubts	He gives feedback at the moment students need it specially when students make mistakes	She gave feedback at the right moment because she was correcting them all the time when they made mistakes	He gave feedback at the right moment because he was correcting students all the time when they made mistakes, and he was answering their questions.
	Yes, the students sign in a page every day.		Yes, the students sign every day.	Yes, she passes the attendance every day.	There is no attendance list	The teacher did not keep a rigorous control of students'	The teacher kept a rigorous control of students' attendance

	Students attendance					attendance because she did not the take the roll, and there was not any attendance list to be signed	because there was an attendance list to be signed by the students who attended the class.
	Chance to clarify students doubts	Yes, after and during an activity there is time to ask if something is not clear.	No, not all of them. Many students raise their hands to indicate doubts but he only clarifies some of them because of the time	No, not all of them. Just few of them have the opportunity to clarify their doubts because of the time	There are not chances to clarify the students' doubts because they are too many and are afraid to ask. Only the students that are at the front ask questions.	All the students had the chance to clarify their doubts because she answered all the questions they had.	All the students had the chance to clarify their doubts because he answered all the questions they had.
Learning effectiveness	Equal chance for students to participate and practice	Yes, everybody has the opportunity, but not all of them can do it because they are too many.	No, there are not. Some students want to participate but they cannot because the teacher asks just a few of them to give their examples or ideas.	No, there are not. Since they are too many time is not enough.	There are equal chances for students to participate and practice, however only a few of them want to do it in the activities	There were equal chances for them to participate and practice because the teacher was really easygoing, so they felt confident to participate. Nevertheless, only a small number of students did.	There were equal chances for them to participate and practice because the teacher asked all the students to perform conversations.
	Effective teaching- learning process	Yes, they look interested in the topic. They talk about the topic using their knowledge and experiences, so they relate the class with reality.	Yes, it is. He asks students if they remember the previous lesson and they answer satisfactorily and give examples as well.	It can be noticed in some students the ones who participate the most the rest are doing other things.	The teaching- learning process is not effective because not all the students participate in the class.	The teaching – learning process was effective in a few students only, the ones who participated because the other students did not produce what had been taught	The teaching – learning process was effective because the objectives of the lesson were achieved.

Variety of activities	Yes, there are writing, listening comprehension, reading, and speaking activities during the class.	Yes, the teacher does some activities including writing, reading, listening, and speaking, but the activities are done in a hurry.	Yes, the teacher uses different activities for students to develop the four macro skills, but some activities are done in a hurry because of the time.	The teacher does a variety of activities including writing, listening comprehension, reading, and speaking during the class. However, students do not want to practice.	There was a variety of activities, so that, the students could develop the four macro skills such as: writing, reading, and listening.	There was a variety of activities because the students developed writing, reading, listening, and speaking activities
Involvement of the students in the activities	Yes during the activities, they look involved, most in discussions.	Yes, he monitors if the students are involved in all the activities and want to participate as well.	No, there is not. Only the students who sit at the front are involved in all the activities so students who at the back are not involved.	Some students are actively involved in the activities; the other students are playing around.	There was not an active involvement of the students in the activities because most of the time the same students were participating	There was an active involvement of the students in the activities because all of them were participating
Refusal to participate	Some of them so not want to participate even though the teacher encourages to do it.	No, they are eager to participate during the activities.	Yes, some of them do not want to participate though the teacher invites them to do it.	Only a few students are willing to participate. Most of them are reluctant to do it.	A few students were enthusiastic to participate; however, other students were annoyed when the teacher had them to answer a question.	Students did not show any refusal to participate because the teacher made them feel confident.

Indicator	Informant7	Informant8	Informant9	Informant10	Informant11	Informant12
Physical space	It is difficult for them to move in the classroom because of the large number of students; if they want to move they have to move the desks, and make noise.	It is very difficult to move in the classroom to do different activities because of the large number of students, and there are not too many desks, so the students have to get desks from outside.	No, there is not enough space. Students work in group and it is not easy for them to move and work in the group they belong to.	No, there is no space to do any kind of activity but pair/group work because there are a lot of desks and they are too close.	No, there is not. However, the classroom is big, there are many desks and the space is reduced.	No, there is not. The space is not enough even for students to stand up and walk without difficulty.
Students'/teach ers' mood	Some students are relaxed during the class because they look interested, but the other students are bored and uncomfortable because they are not paying attention. The teacher looks indifferent with the students that do not pay attention because The teacher does not take them into account.	Students who are sitting at the front look comfortable and relaxed in class because they are quiet. However, the ones at the back cannot listen to the teacher clearly, they look bored and ashamed but they stay quiet. The teacher looks angry if they do not want to participate.	During the class, students and teachers look relaxed and interested participating and paying attention in the activities.	Most of them do, but others seem to be bored during some activities.	Most of the students show enthusiasm, but others look bored.	Only the students sit at the front look interested in the class though the teacher looks kind of bored. Also the rest of the students are doing other things and some of them do not want to participate.
Students' needs	The classroom does not adjust the teachers and students' needs because it is not big enough for the large number of students besides it is not organized, and neat.	The classroom is not big enough, there is a large number of students ,they cannot move easily.	Sometimes, but the teacher calls students attention because they are talking too loud therefore they remain silent.	No because there is no enough space (there are a lot of desk)so students and teacher cannot move easily.	No, because the classroom is dirty and the desks are not good seating arrangement. So, it is an uncomfortable place to be.	No, it does not. There is no desk for the teacher to put the tape recorder
noise level	The noise takes over the class because when the teacher starts explaining the lesson the students start talking as well, and then it is difficult to understand what the teacher says.	The noise takes over the class only when the teacher stops explaining the lesson because the students start talking.	Yes she is. Students begin joking and the teacher asks them to behave as a result they stop doing that.	Yes, in some activities, it does, for example in pair work and the teacher does not care about it.	Yes, at the beginning of the class noise takes over the class also when students are working in group.	Yes, it does sometimes. Students begin talking and they stop until the teacher calls their attention many times.

Discipline and behavior problems	It is difficult for the teacher to control the discipline problems because some students do not pay attention to what the teacher is explaining. It is difficult to understand what the teacher says because some students are talking.	It is not difficult for the teacher to control the discipline problems because they look afraid of her, she looks a little bit angry.	Yes she is. Students begin joking and the teacher asks them to behave as a result they stop doing that	Yes, she is able to control the class. It seems to be a good teacher- students' interaction.	Yes, most of them seem to be polite, so the teacher is able to control the class without problem.	This time there are not problems like those.
Distraction	Students get distracted very easily because there are different kinds of disruptions.	Some students get distracted very easily because they cannot listen to her especially the ones who are at the back. Some of them have their cell phones under the desk to send messages	Yes, they begin talking and get distracted.	Some students, others are with cell phones or talking with someone else.	Yes, usually during the activities everybody pay attention. But in some activities like group work they talk about something else or check their cell phones.	Yes, they do the students begin doing other things instead of paying attention.
Disruptions such as: cell phones, ipods, and pen twirling/tapping	There are different kinds of disruptions. Some students are talking, playing, or sending messages with their cell phones, getting in and out, laughter, and so on.	There are not different kinds of disruptions because when someone start talking the teacher asks him or her to be quiet	No, there is not. This time there are not disruptions like those.	There are just few. There is a student with a cell phone, and others cell phones ring.	Yes, there are. However, usually they put their cell phones in vibration.	No, there is not this time.
Students attention and Interest	The teacher maintains only a few students' attention, because the other students are doing different activities, and are making noise. The teacher cannot have all the students' attention.	It is hard for the teacher to maintain all the students' attention; however, she is very strict, And when the students start chatting she calls their attention by raising her tone of voice.	No, it is not. Teacher has to call their attention and more around to set students attention also to raise her tone of voice.	Yes, the teacher maintains the students' attention, for example when beginning or finishing to work in group they pay attention to the teachers instructions and respect the time established.	Yes, when there is enough time for an activity she stops them to continue with another one.	No, it is not so easy for him because the students get distracted very frequently
Establishing rules	Discipline rules are established at the beginning of the term, although students do not take into account	Discipline rules are set at the beginning of the term, because the teacher is very strict, and the students are on time	No, there are not. Students go out without permission only attendance is keep	It seems that there is no a rule for late arrivals. Nobody can leave the class early. There is an attendance list to be sign	It seems that there is no rule for late arrivals. Nobody leave the class early. There is an attendance list that	Just attendance is keep. There are some students outside the classroom without asking for permission

	because they do not ask for permission to leave, or to get in the classroom. A lot of students are late, and some of them are talking all the time	for the class, and most of them are willing to do what she asks them to do.		every day.	students sing ever day.	
Time to help all the students	The teacher helps the ones who are close to him because they are paying attention. The other students do not look interested in the class	The teacher assists the students who need help only because the rest do not raise their hands to indicate whether they have doubts or not. The other problem is that there is not enough space to walk around.	No, she does not. Time is not enough to help all the students who need her help during some activities.	Yes after explaining activities, meanwhile the students work, and the teacher check/monitor students' work and help them if necessary.	No all of them just the ones that ask for help. They are too many, so it is difficult for the teacher to help all of them	No, but the teacher tries to help many students as he can. Time is not enough to help all of them.
Remember all the students' names	He does not remember students' names because he does not call them by their names.	The teacher does not remember all the students' names. Therefore, she has the attendance list to call out students by their names.	No, she does not. She remembers just few of them. She uses the attendance lit to call them.	No, just some of them. But with the students she does not remember their names, she uses the attendance list.	She does not call them by their names, so she does not remember all the students' names.	No, he does not. He calls just few students by their names.
Eye contact	He maintains eye contact only with the students who are at the front because the other students are not paying attention	It is really difficult for her to walk around because there is not enough space, and there are too many students, but she tries to maintain eye contact with all the students.	Yes, she maintains eye contact with the students while explaining the lesson.	Yes she does, when she speaks or explains something she looks everyone.	There are many students and the classroom is big, so it is difficult to maintain eye contact with all the students.	No, he does not do it. He does it just with the students who are at the front. The rest are not even paying attention.
Teacher- students/studen t-teacher interaction	There is not a good interaction because some students do not do what the teacher asks to do.	There is not a really teacher-student/ student-teacher interaction because the students are afraid of the teacher because if they do not participate she gets angry.	Yes, there is. Student and teacher get along. They have a good communication.	Yes there is, for example she gets a reward to the two best grades in a quiz. She says funny things.	Yes, she monitors them all the time. The teacher is creative and dynamic, so it seems to motive students	No, there is not. The interaction between students and teacher is not so good. The teacher is explaining some terms and some students do not care.
Monitor all the students	The teacher does not monitor because he does not move around. He is at the front all the time. If	The teacher monitors the students with difficulty because the classroom is not big, and the	Yes, it does. The teacher walks around to check everything, but she has T.A'S help	No, because of the space she cannot move easily to monitor them. The desks are too close.	No, because she does not want, it is because the space is not enough	No, he does not. He cannot monitor the students at the back because of the way the

	the students have a question they stand up.	teacher cannot walk around. However, most of the time she monitors the ones who are closer				desk are arranged. He cannot get closer to check what they are doing.
Giving feedback	He gives feedback at the right moment because he is correcting the students who participate all the time when they make mistakes.	She gives feedback at the right moment because she was correcting all the time when they make mistakes, and she is answering their questions.	No, she does not do it this time.	Yes because she lets them say what they want and then she corrects them if necessary.	Yes, when they participate, the teacher corrects them in that moment.	No, he does not. He does not do it this time
Students attendance	The teacher keeps a rigorous control of students' attendance because there is a folder with the attendance list.	The teacher keeps a rigorous control of students' attendance because there was an attendance list to be signed by the students who attend the class.	Yes, the students sign every day.	Yes, because there is an attendance list to be sign every day.	Yes, there is a folder with a list to be signed every day.	Yes, he does. The attendance is signed every day.
Chance to clarify students doubts	The students who are participating in class have the chance to clarify their doubts because he is willing to help them.	All the students have the chance to clarify their doubts because she answers all the questions they have.	No, there is no enough time to clarify all the students' doubts.	Yes they have opportunities to ask about the topic because she asks them if they have any question.	Yes, everyone has the chance to do it. The teacher encourages to ask if they do not understand something.	Not all of them, time is not enough to clarify everybody's doubts.
Equal chance for students to participate and practice	There are equal chances for them to participate and practice because the teacher tries to have students do the activities. However, only a small number of students do.	There are not equal chances for them to participate and practice because the teacher almost always asks students who are at the front	No, all the students have the opportunity because they are too many.	Yes, the teacher asks if someone wants to add something.	Yes, everybody has equal chance but because of the time, not all of them can participate in the same activity.	Yes, there are equal chances, but this time few students are participating, the rest do not want to.
Effective teaching- learning process	The teaching —learning process is effective in most of the students, although some of them are not paying attention they seem to understand the topic.	The teaching –learning process is effective with some students because the other students are afraid to talk because the teacher makes them feel unconfident. Because if they do not answer the	Yes, they look interested in the class.	She encourages to participate and develop their own ideas to use their creativity. They do it very well.	The teacher encourages them to think about their experiences and be creative	Yes, because they talk about what they learned in the previous class.

Variety of	There is a variety of	questions she gets irritated. There is a variety of	No, there are not a variety	Yes, there are different	Yes, there are some	Yes, the teacher uses
activities	activities, so that, the students can develop the macro skills such as: reading, and listening.	activities because the students develop writing, reading, listening, and speaking activities	of activities during the class just speaking and writing.	activities to develop writing, reading, listening, and speaking	activities to practice writing, listening comprehension, reading, and speaking.	different activities to practice writing, listening comprehension, reading, and speaking
Involvement of the students in the activities	The teacher tries to have all the students do the activities. However, there is not an active involvement of the students in the activities because most of the time the same students are participating.	There is not an active involvement of all the students in the activities because the teacher almost always asks students who are at the front.	Yes everybody is involved in the activities.	Yes, the students get involved in the activities. It is a student-center class.	Yes, it is a student-center class. So the students are involved in the class	Yes there is, but just with the students sit at the front.
Refusal to participate	Most of the students are talking or doing other activities, but when the teacher asks to participate they do not refuse to do it.	Some students show refusal to participate because they are at the back and they are not taken into account since the teacher cannot move easily	Some of the students do not want to participate.	Some of them look shy or nervous and they do not want to participate in the activities	Everybody participate in the activities.	The majority of the students want to participate, just few refuse to do it even though the teacher encourages them to participate.

Source: Observation guide of Intermediate and Advanced English groups

TABLE 1 - RANDOM DIGITS

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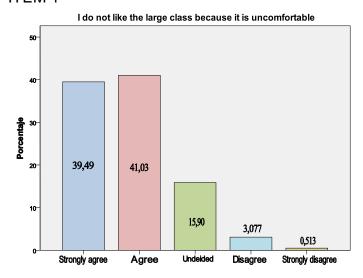
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Graphs from the questionnaires addressed to intermediate and advanced students

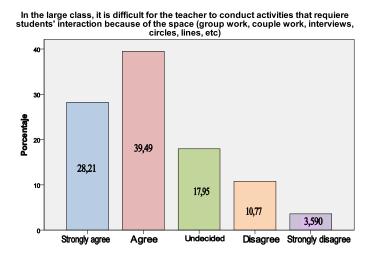
DISCOMFORT

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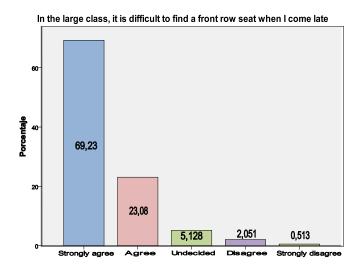


A 41.03% percent of the students agree that they feel uncomfortable in the large class while a 39.49 % strongly agree with the statement.

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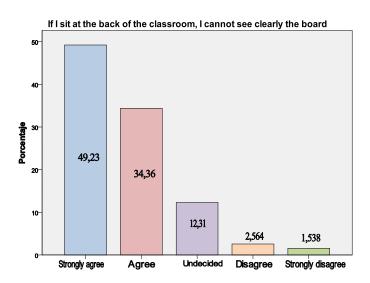


A great percentage of the students agree that the space limits the teachers to carry out activities that let students interact among one another.

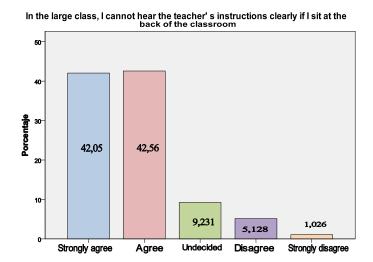


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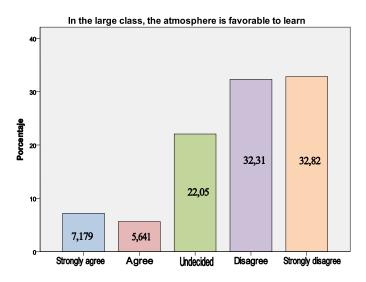


Most of the students strongly agree that in a large class it is difficult to see the board if they sit at the back.

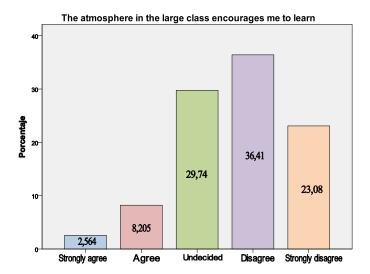


A 42.05% of the students strongly agree that if they sit at the back of the classroom they cannot hear clearly the teacher's instructions.

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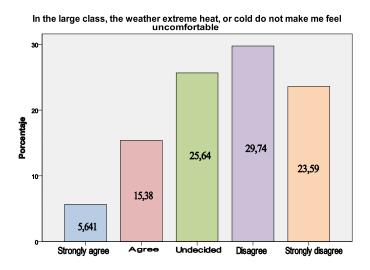


This graph shows that a 32.82% of the students strongly disagree that the atmosphere in the large class is favorable to learn.

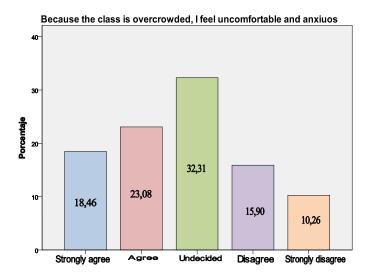


A great percentage of the students disagree that the atmosphere in the large class encourages them to learn

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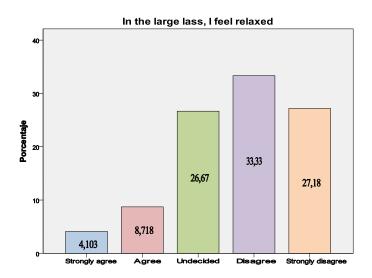


The majority of the students disagree that the weather in the large classroom makes them feel uncomfortable.



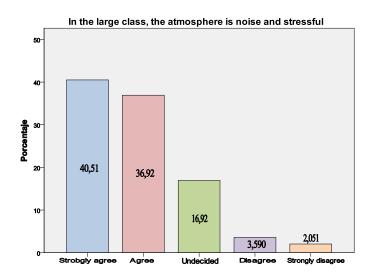
This graph shows that a considerably percent of the students are undecided whether they feel uncomfortable and anxious in an overcrowded class.

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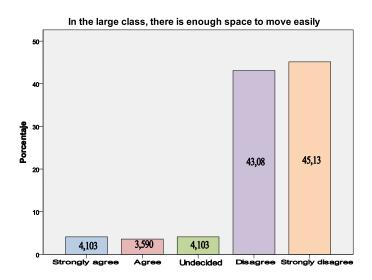
According to this graph, 33.33% of the students do not feel relaxed in a large class.

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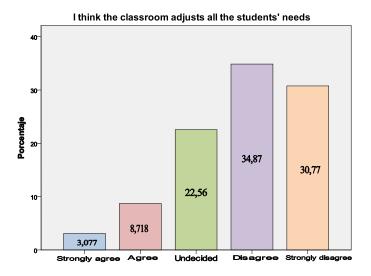
This graph shows that most of the students strongly agree that the atmosphere in a large class is noise and stressfully.

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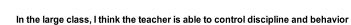
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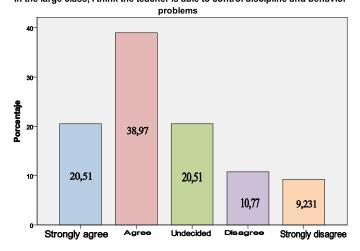
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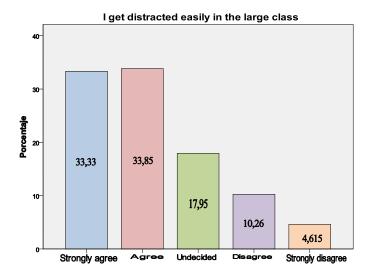
The majority of the students disagree that the classroom adjusts all their needs.

CONTROL ITEM 14



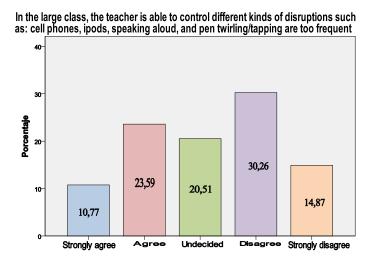


A great percent of the students agree that the teacher is able to control discipline and behavior problem in a large class.



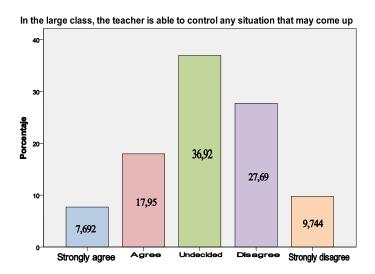
This graph shows that students strongly agree and agree that they get distracted in the large class.

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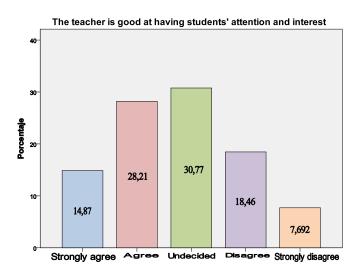
The majority of the students disagree that the teacher is able to control different kinds of disruptions in the large class.

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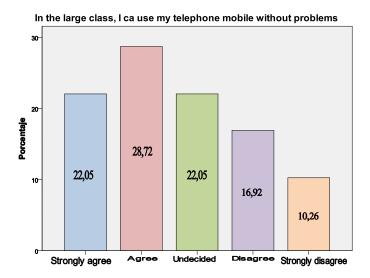


A great percentage of the students are not sure about the capability of the teacher to control any situation that may come up in the large class.

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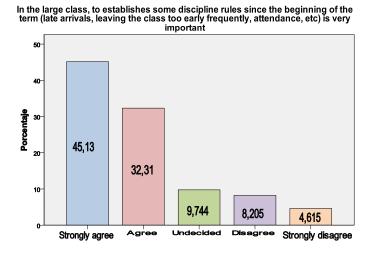


A great percentage of the students are undecided about the capability of the teacher to get the students' attention in the large class while a 28.21% agrees that the teacher is able to get students' attention and interest.



Most of the students agree that they can use their cell phones without problems in the large class.

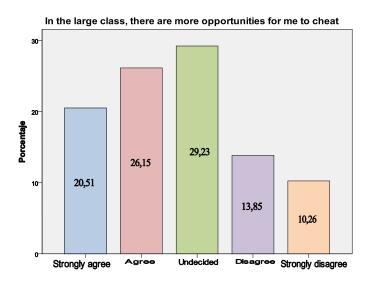
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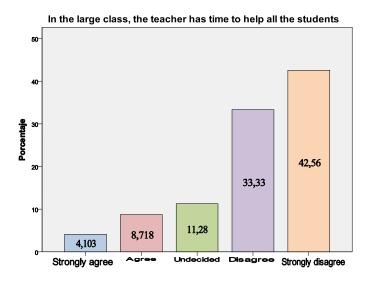
INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE

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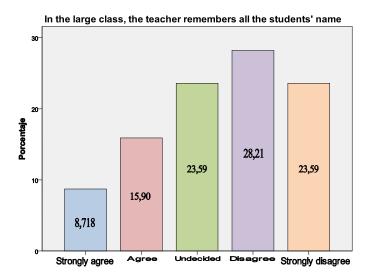


The majority of the students are undecided if there are more opportunities to cheat in a large class.

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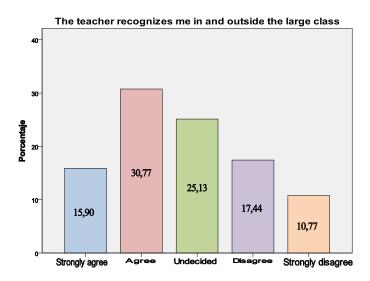


Most of the students strongly disagree that the teacher has time to help all of them in the large class.

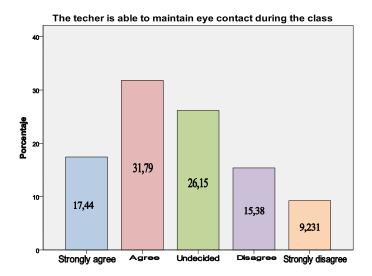


The majority of the students disagree that that teacher remembers their names in the large class.

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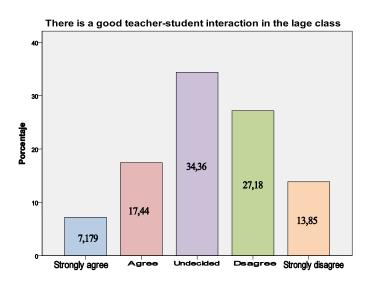


A great percentage of the students agree that the teacher recognizes them in and outside the classroom.



Most of the students agree that the teacher maintains eye contact with all of them in the large class.

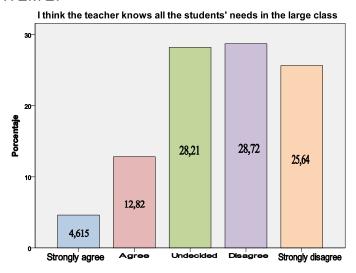
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A great percentage of the students are undecided whether there is a good teacherstudents interaction

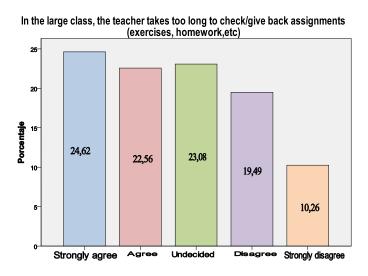
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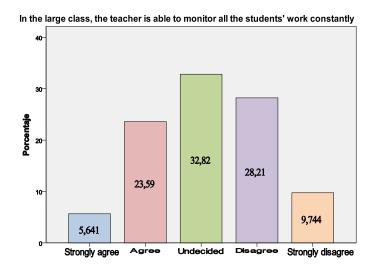


A 28.72% of the students disagree that the teacher knows all their needs in a large class.

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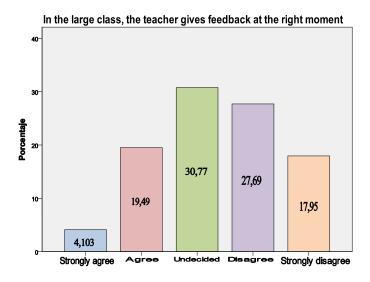


This graph shows that a 24.64% of the students strongly agree that the teacher takes too long to check assignments and 22.56% of them agrees on that, as well.

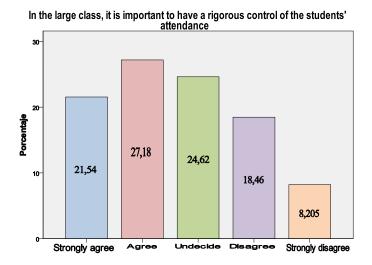


A 32.82% of the students are undecided whether the teacher is able to monitor them in the large class.

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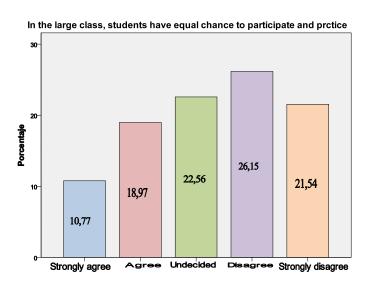


A great percentage of the students are undecided whether the teacher gives them feedback at the right moment.



A 27.18% of the students agree that it is important to have a rigorous control of the students' attendance.

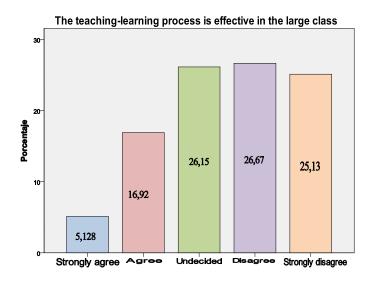
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The majority of the students disagree that they have equal chance to participate and practice in the large class.

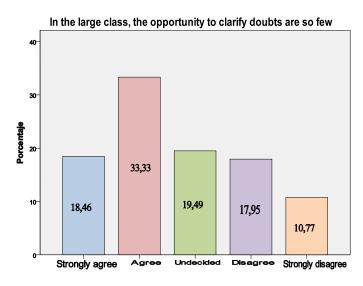
LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS

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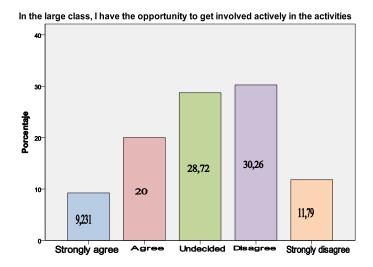
A 26.67 % of the students disagree that the teaching –learning process is effective in a large class.

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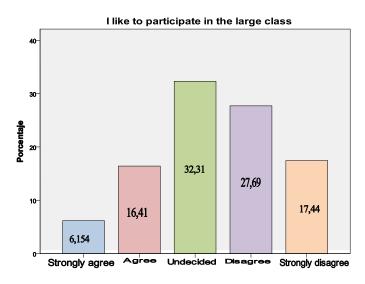
Most of the students agree that the teacher is not able to clarify all the students' doubts in the large class.

ITEM 35



A 30.26% of the students disagree that they have the opportunity to get involved actively in the activities in the large class.

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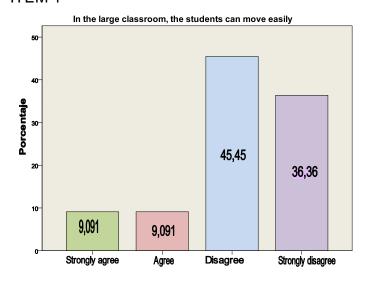


This graph shows that a 32.32% of the students are undecided whether they like to participate in class; that is, they do not like to participate in the large class.

Graphs from the questionnaires addressed to intermediate and advanced instructors

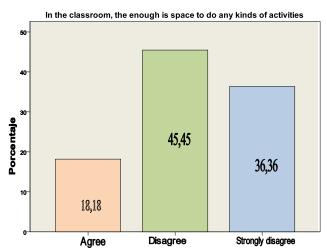
DISCOMFORT

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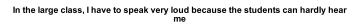
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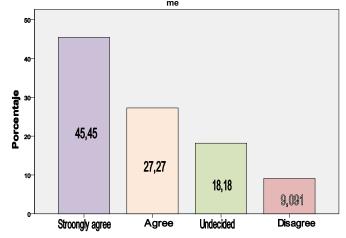
ITEM 2



The majority of the teachers disagree that there is enough space to do any kind of activity in the classroom.

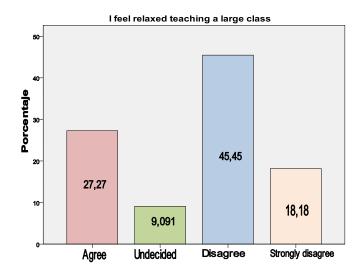
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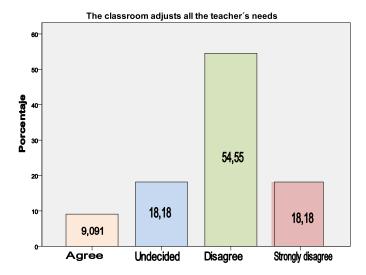
The majority of the teachers strongly agree that they have to speak very loud for students to hear clearly.

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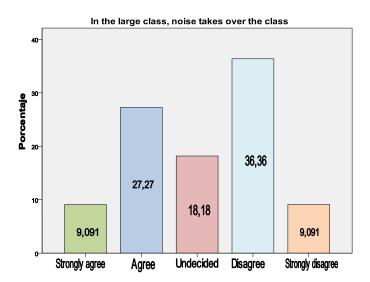
Most of the teachers do not feel relaxed teaching in a large class.

ITEM 5



The graph shows that a 54.55 % of the teachers disagree that the classroom adjusts all their needs.

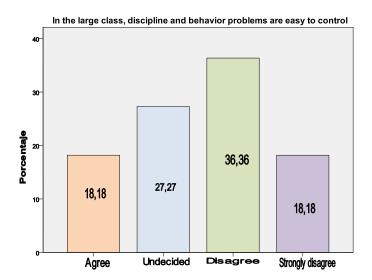
ITEM 6



This graph shows that for the majority of the teachers noise does not take over the class.

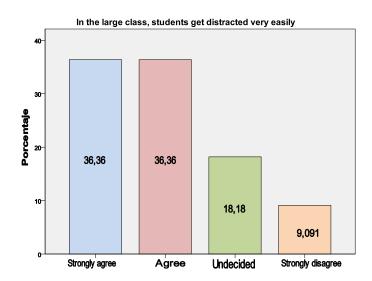
CONTROL

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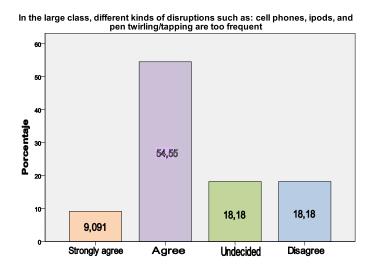


A 36.36 % of the teachers disagree that discipline and behavior problem are easy to control in a large class.

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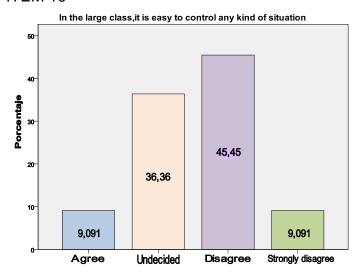


This graph shows that a 36.36 % of the teachers strongly agree that students get distracted very easily in the large class.

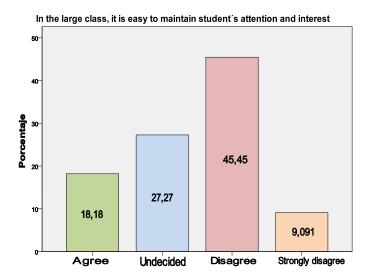


The majority of the teachers agree that disruptions such as: cell phones, iPods, and others interrupt the class too frequent.

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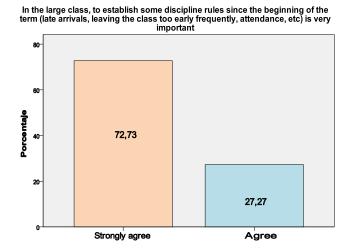


For the majority of the teachers is not easy to control any kind of situation in the large class.



This graph shows that the majority of the teachers disagree that it is easy to maintain the students' attention and interest in the large class.

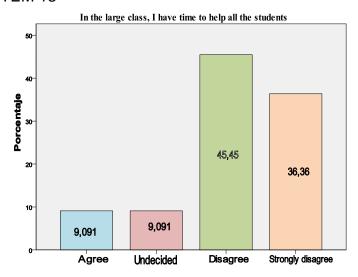
ITEM 12



The majority of the teachers strongly agree that it is important to establish some discipline rules since the beginning of the term.

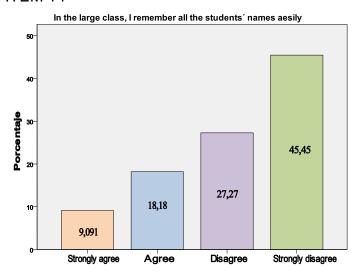
INDIVIDUAL ATTTENTION

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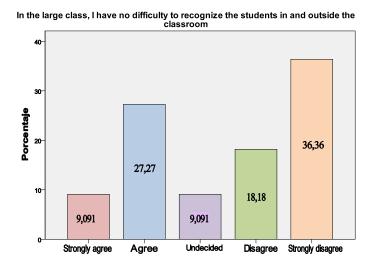
This graph shows that a 45.45% of the teachers disagree that they have time to help all the students.

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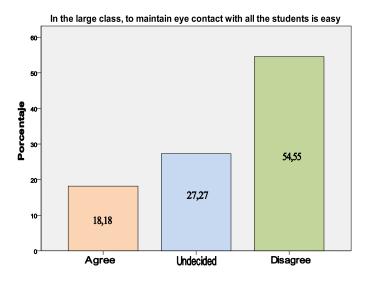
The majority of the teachers strongly disagree that they remember all the students' names.

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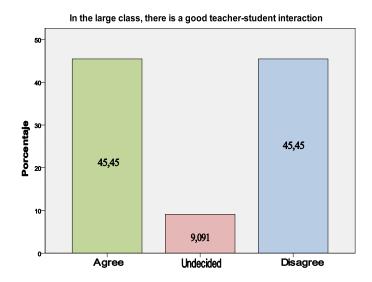
A great percentage of the teachers strongly disagree that they recognize the students in and outside the classroom.

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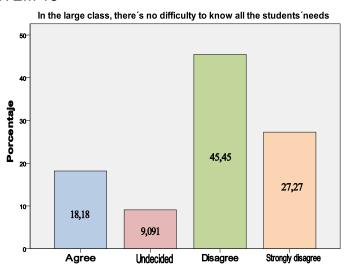
For the majority of the teachers it is not easy to maintain eye contact with all the students in the large class.

ITEM 17



A 45.45% of the teachers agree that there is a good teacher-student interaction; conversely, the same percentage disagrees with the statement.

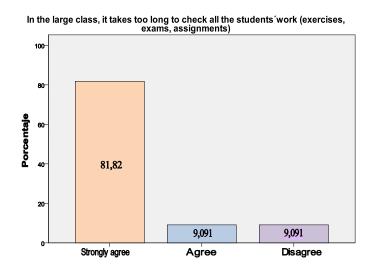
ITEM 18



For the majority of the teachers it is difficult to know all the students needs in the large class.

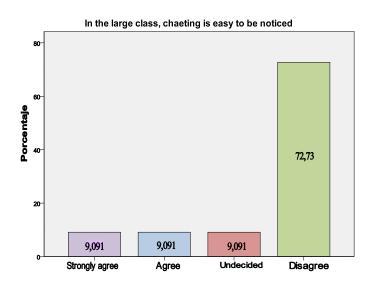
EVALUATION

ITEM 19

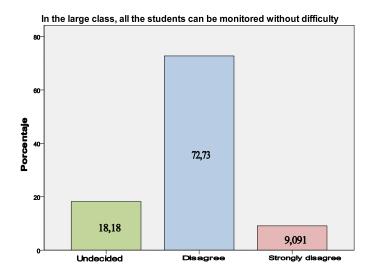


Most of the teachers strongly agree that it takes too long to check all the students' work in a large class.

ITEM 20

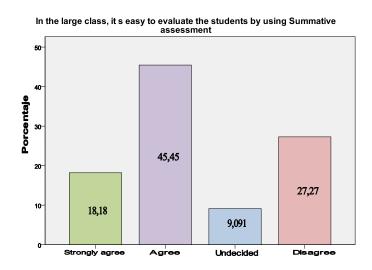


For the majority of the teachers it is not easy to notice when the students cheat in the large class.



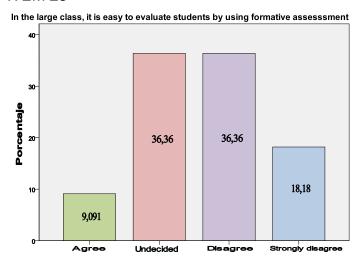
The majority of the teachers considered that they cannot monitor all the students in the large class.

ITEM 22



For the majority of the teachers it is easy to evaluate the students by using summative assessment.

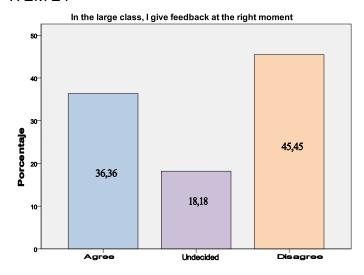
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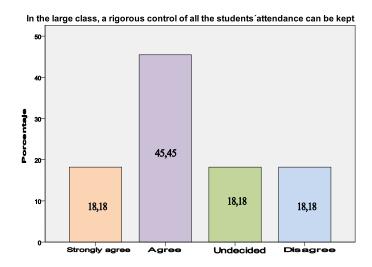
This graph shows that for a 36.36% of the teachers are undecided whether it is easy to evaluate students by using formative assessment; conversely, the same percentage of teachers disagree with the statement.

LEARNING EFFECTIVENESS

ITEM 24

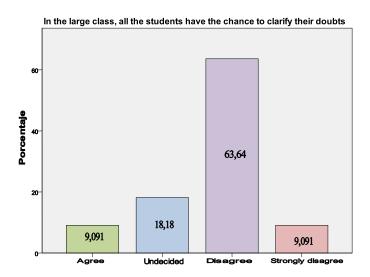


The majority of the teachers disagree that they give feedback at the right moment in the large class.

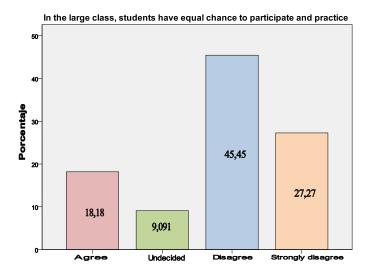


This graph shows that the majority of the teachers agree that a rigorous control of all the students' attendance can be kept in the large class.

ITEM 26

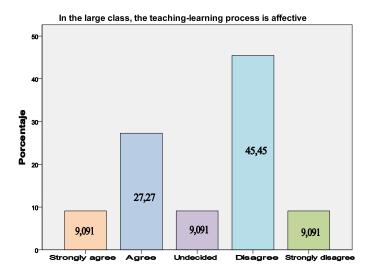


The majority of the teachers disagree that in the large class all the students have chance to clarify their doubts.

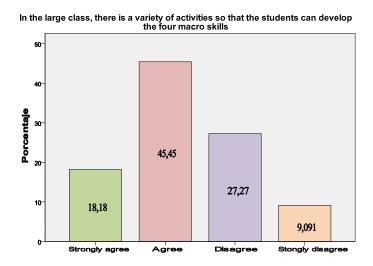


For the majority of the teachers not all the students have chance to participate and practice in the large class.

ITEM 28

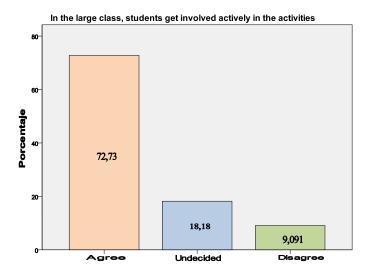


This graph shoes that for the majority of the teachers the teaching-learning process is not effective in the large class.

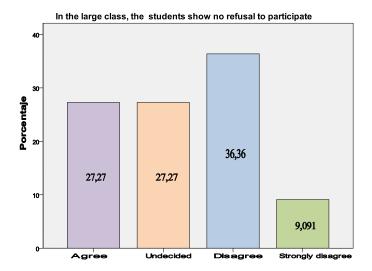


A great percentage of the teachers agree that they provide a variety of activities that help students to develop the four macro skills.

ITEM 30



This graph shows that the majority of the teachers agree that students get involved in the activities in the large class.

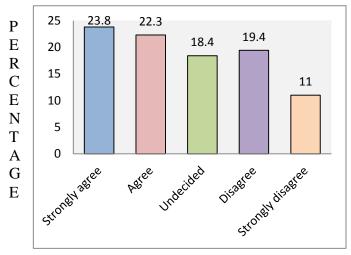


A great percentage of the teachers disagree that students show refuse to participate in the large class.

VARIABLES GRAPHS FROM THE QUESTIONAIRES ADMNISTERED TO THE STUDENTS

DISCOMFORT

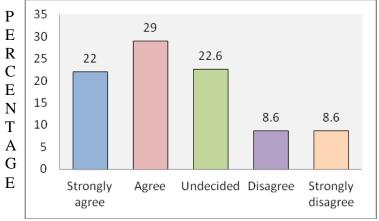
In the large class, limited and poor facilities such as physical space, environment noise level, few desks, etc. make students and teachers feel uncomfortable.



According to this graph, the majority of the students agree that in the large class they feel uncomfortable.

CONTROL

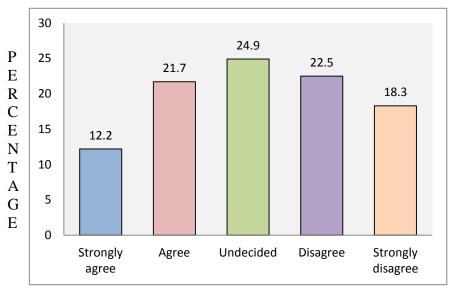
In the large class, discipline problems ,behavior problems, disruptions, lack of students' attention and interest, noise level, monitoring, distractions, etc are difficult to control



This graph above shows that the majority of the students agree that it is difficult to maintain control en large class.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

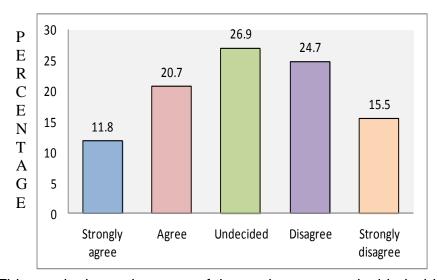
In the large class, time is not enough to give individual attention to every student.



Students are undecided in a 24.9 % that time is not enough to give individual attention to every student in the large class.

EVALUATION

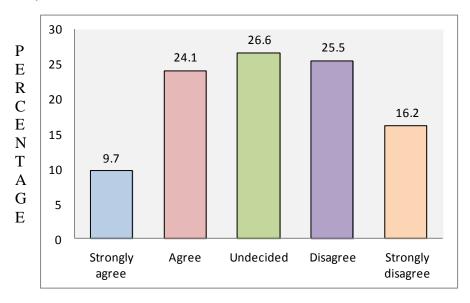
In the large class, to evaluate the students by formative and summative assessment is difficult.



This graph shows that most of the students are undecided while answering if evaluation by summative and formative assessment is difficult in large class.

LEARNING AFFECTIVENESS

In the large class, no chance to participate, refusal to participate, no chance to clarify doubts, no chance to get involved in every activity, makes the teaching- learning process ineffective.

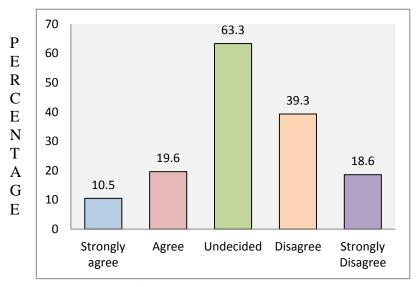


The graph above shows that the majority of the students are undecided if the teaching-learning process is ineffective in large class.

VARIABLES GRAPGS FROM THE QUESTIONAIRE ADMINISTERED TO INTERMEDIATE ADN ADVANCED INTRUCTORS

DISCOMFORT

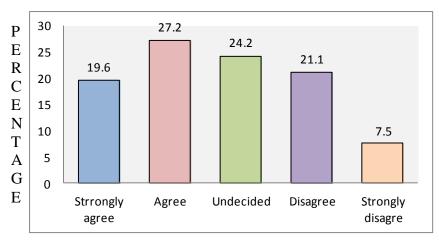
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The majority of the teachers are undecided while answering if limited and poor facilities make students and teachers feel uncomfortable.

CONTROL

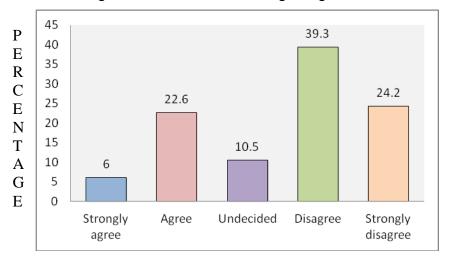
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INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

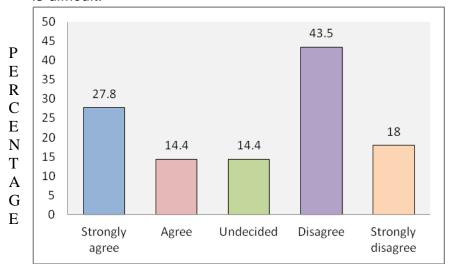
In the large class, time is not enough to give individual attention to every student.



In this graph 39.3 %of the teachers disagree that time is not enough to provide individual attention to every student in the large class.

EVALUATION

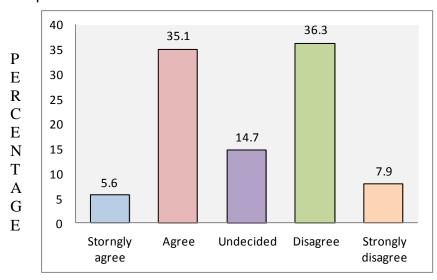
In the large class, to evaluate the students by formative and summative assessment is difficult.



This graph shows that for the majority of the teachers, it is not difficult to evaluate students by summative and formative assessment in the large class.

LEARNING AFFECTIVENESS

In the large class, no chance to participate, refusal to participate, no chance to clarify doubts, no chance to get involved in every activity, makes the teaching-learning process ineffective.



In this graph a 35.1 % of the teachers agree that the teaching-learning process is ineffective in the large class, while a 36.3% of the teachers disagree with that statement.