Graduating Senior Survey

Summer and Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Office of Institutional Assessment – George Mason University

The survey is administered online through Qualtrics. This instrument is not to be filled out.

I. 1.		rollment and Employment History you begin college at Mason or elsewhere? Started here Started elsewhere and	:hen trans	sferred t	to Masoı	n			
2.	Wh	ile you were a student at Mason, did you WORK FOR No	PAY?					_	
		2.1 If yes, how often did you WORK FOR PAY ? (Mark apply)	all that	Mo semes		A few semesters	Not at all		
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II.	Edu	cation in Your Major and Competence							
		To what extent did courses in your major contribute your competence in the following areas:	A grea	at deal	A fair a	mount	A little	Not at all	
	a.	Critical thinking and analysis							
	b.	Connecting concepts across disciplines							
	c.	Conducting research within your field/major							
	d.	Writing within your field/major							
	e.	Identifying, locating, evaluating and managing information resources within your field/major							
	f.	Applying the ideas of your field/major outside of the classroom							
	g.	Applying ethics within your field/major							
	h.	Identifying and assessing the validity of assumptions within your field/major							
4.	How as Sc	dents as Scholars familiar are you with the Office of Student Scholarsh holars initiative? Very familiar Somewhat familiar	Not too	familia	r [] Not at a	ll familiar		
		hat extent do you think that there are opportunities		-	e studen	ts to parti	cipate in rese	earch or creati	ve
	activ	ities/projects (outside of regular course assignments) There are many There are some	at Mason There a			There ar	e none		

6. Hav	e any of your Mason prof	essors shared information	on about their own research or creative activities?
	ide of regular course assign faculty member before g Yes		e or do you plan to do a research or creative activity/project with a
	motivated you to d Working with a Working on a s Gaining experie Receiving comp Being excited b Being required Meeting peers Working on a p	do your own project? Claspecific faculty mentor pecific project of interestence for career or graducensation or pay by or loving the work by my major or degree who have similar interestroject that might contridesignation on my Mass	sts or goals bute to individual or community well-being on transcript
	If "No": 7.2. Which of the follow with a professor? I light didn't have time I didn't know here I needed to wo I looked but co	ving reasons describe w Mark all that apply. me in my schedule ow to find a project	ny you did not do or do not plan to do research or a creative project find a paid research opportunity nity that interested me
	owing ways? Check all the I presented a paper or performer or performer or performer or participated in a recital I participated in an evented	at apply. oster at a Mason event oster at an off-campus o or performance t that showcased my art t that exhibited or demo	

IV. Global Experience

9. Which of the following have you done at Mason?	Done	Have NOT done
a. Studied abroad		
b. Participated in short-term immersion/cultural exchange program		
c. Completed an internship with an international organization		
d. Completed an internship with a national or local organization that deals with international issues		
e. Participated in service-learning abroad (e.g., Alternative spring break) organized by Mason		
f. Interacted with international students at Mason		
g. Discussed global issues with people from another country		
h. Learned (practiced) a foreign language from (with) a native speaker		

V. Community-Engaged Learning

Community-engaged learning is defined as students engaging in structured service or action that allows them to apply what they are learning at Mason to community-based issues and problems. Communities can be local, regional/state, national, or global.

10. While you were a student at Mason, were you involved in any of the following kinds of community-engaged learning?	Involved	NOT Involved
a. Service-learning academic course		
b. Community-engaged practicum, internship, or field experience		
c. Community-engaged research or creative project		
d. Community service or volunteer work		
e. Community activism for an issue or group		
f. Community-engaged living-learning community		
g. Community service club or organization at Mason		
h. Service club or organization in the community		
I. Day of service event		
J. Alternative Spring Break		
K. Other, specify:		

VI. Academic Advising

	None	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9 or more
11. How many times have you met in person with an academic advisor during your time at Mason?						
12. How many times have you consulted with an academic advisor by phone, email, or Skype?						

13. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about academic advising?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or Don't Know
My academic advisor helped me understand degree requirements.					
My academic advisor helped me understand how activities outside the classroom (i.e., internships, research, study abroad, clubs, etc.) contribute to my long term academic and career goals.					
When I met with an academic advisor in person, I felt like he/she listened to my concerns and created an open, respectful, and inclusive atmosphere.					
Academic advisors who work with undeclared students helped me explore my academic interests					
VII. Library Services 14. Which ONE of the following library locations do you consider to be Gateway Library (inside JC) Mercer Library (SciTech campus) Arlington Campus Library Law Library I use Mason library services/resources online only 15. What activities do you engage in most frequently when visiting a your MOST Frequent reason for using a Mason library?) (Select UP TO Individual study Group activity (e.g., projects, discussion, preparation for Using electronic resources Consulting or using print collections Seeking help from a librarian Checking out or returning materials Using computers, printers, or scanners Consulting with Data Services staff on software, tools, or Recreation or other nonacademic purposes (leisure reading other, please specify	Mason Libra O THREE) exams) research means, checking	ethods	n the most r	ecent year,	
16. To what extent did the following library services and resources enhance your learning at Mason?	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all	NA/Never used
a. Print collections (e.g., collections in my field of study, Special Collections)					
b. Online digital resources					
c. Library services (e.g., Interlibrary loan, Data & GIS Services, library publication/archiving assistance for academic research)					
d. Technology/tools in support of research (e.g., InfoGuides)					
e. Library staff assistance (e.g., instruction from or consultation with the library's Data Services staff)					
f. Space to study (e.g., Group Study Rooms, Mediascape, open area, quiet environment)					

VIII.	School or College								
17. \	Which of the following best describes your college:								
	College of Education & Human Develop	ment (go to (CEHD	sectio	n)			
	College of Health and Human Services (go to I	X secti	on)					
	School of Business (go to BUSINES secti	on)							
	School for Conflict Analysis & Resolution	n (go t	o S-CA	AR se	ction)				
	College of Science (go to COS section)								
	College of Humanities & Social Sciences	go to	CHSS	secti	on)				
	Volgenau School of Engineering (go to \	/olgen	au sec	tion)					
	School of Policy, Government, and Inter	rnatior	al Affa	airs (g	go to S	PGIA 9	section)		
Colle	ege of Education and Human Development ONLY				_				Г.
	18. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the		Stro	ngly			Diagona	Strongl	y N/A or
	following statements about your preparation for yo profession?	ur		ree	Ag	ree	Disagre	Disagre	7 Don't e Know
	My program prepared me well for my profession.		Г	7	Г	7			
	My program offered opportunities for me to apply		_			_			
	learning outside of class.		L				Ш		
	The internship/practicum I had in my program helpome gain valuable experiences relevant to my career								
	profession.								
	The educational experiences I had in my program w		Г	\neg					
	closely connected to the realities in my field/major.		_	_		_			
	The knowledge and skills I acquired from my progra enable me to take on responsibilities in my professi		Г	7	l	7			
	upon graduation.	···							
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	19. How satisfied are you with the following:	Ve	ry	Sat	isfied	Dicc	atisfied	Very	N/A or Don't
	19. How satisfied are you with the following.	Satis	fied	Jac	isiicu	Diss	atisfieu	Dissatisfie	d Know
	Practicum/internship or other experience-based		7	ſ					
	learning in your program	L	_	L					
	The supervision in that								
	practicum/internship/experience-based learning The relevance of your program for your intended	_	_				_	_	_
	field		J						
Colle	ege of Humanities and Social Sciences ONLY								
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	20. To what extent did the following factors affect your decision in choosing a major while at Mason?		reat d	eal	A fai	r amo	unt	A little	Not at all
	Interest in the subject								
	Family tradition								
	Employment prospect								
	Graduate school/further education								
	Advising								
	Faculty								

21. Did you switch your major while at Mason?

Yes

No

21.1. (If Yes) I switched my major from	to		·		
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22. To what extent did the following factors affect your	A great deal	A fair amou	nt	A little	Not at all
decision to register for courses while at Mason?		7.14.1		71	
Content of course					
Preferred time course was scheduled					
Preferred mode in which course was offered (face to					
face, hybrid or online)	Ш				
Preferred faculty assigned to teach the course					
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23. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the followi	ing St	trongly			Strongly
statements about your experience at George Mason Unive		Agree	gree	Disagree	Disagree
I had determined my course of study before I arrived at Ma	ason.				
My major provided good preparation for the career I want	to				
pursue.					
My major provided good preparation for the further educa	ition I			П	
want to pursue.			ш		Ш
My choice of major will give me the background I need for	many				
opportunities.					
The faculty in my department cared about my success.					
At least one faculty member took a special interest in me.					
School of Integrative Studies ONLY 25. Which of the following resources did you use to get inform Mason website College website Advising University catalog Faculty members/staff Other students College listserv Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter) 26. Which of the following influenced your decision to choose three. College 101 at Orientation Admission counselor College fair					Select the top
Admission open house Accelerated M.A. program Mason website College website Advising University catalog Faculty members/staff Other students College listserv Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)					

	27. How satisfied are you with the following	Very	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very	NA/I have
	experiences in the School of Integrative Studies?	Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfica	Dissatisfied	not had it
	Collaborative projects					
	Emphasis on writing					
	Emphasis on critical thinking					
	Team teaching by faculty					
	Independent study or research					
	Internships					
	Study abroad					
	Community service-learning					
	Course field trips					
	Integrative learning across disciplines	\Box				
	Connecting college to career activities					
	Global perspective					
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	Describe your most rewarding experience in the Scool Is there something you wish you had known during why?	g your years	at Mason?		ou wish you had	known and
Scl	nool of Business ONLY		<u> </u>			
	30. To what extent did the following factors affect your decision to register for courses while at Maso	_	at deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all
	Content of course					
	Ability to take course in evening					
	Ability to take course online	Г				
	Faculty assigned to teach course		_			
	racarty assigned to teach course	L				
31	Have you had an internship(s) while at Mason? Yes (go to 26) No (go to 27)					
32	Did the internship(s) count toward credit hours for	your major?	•			
	Yes No					
33	How satisfied are you with the career support withi	n the Schoo	l of Busines	ss?		
	Very Satisfied Satisfied	Diss	atisfied	∐ Very [Dissatisfied	
	nool for Conflict Analysis and Resolution ONLY			61.		
34	Which of the following field experiences have you	had in the S	chool for Co	onflict and Analy	sis Resolution?	Check all that
	apply. Internship					
	Internship Independent study or research					
	Study abroad					
	Service-learning					
	☐ Travel courses					
	Other, specify:					

	contribute to your competence in the following?	A great deal	A fair am	ount A	little	Not at all
	Global perspective					
	Ability to reflect and grow					
	Ability to apply theories in practice					
	Oral communication					
	Ability to work in groups					
	Problem-solving skills					
	ege of Science ONLY What was your primary reason for choosing Mason Location Cost/Affordability Employment prospect Family tradition Personal interest Couse flexibility Campus environment Student activities Athletic activities Degree programs Other, please specify:	for your degre	e? Select on	e.		
	37. Rate the quality of the following based on your experiences at Mason. Discipline specific software & equipment Work/lab space on campus Other, please specify:	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Volg	enau School of Engineering ONLY				T	T(a
_	38. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about your preparation for your profession?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or Don't Know
	I believe my program prepared me well for my profession.					
	My program offered opportunities for me to apply learning outside of class.	′				
	The internship/practicum I had in my program helped me gain valuable experience relevant to m career/profession.	У				
	The knowledge and skills I acquired from my program will enable me to take on responsibilities in my profession upon graduation.					

35. To what extent did your **field experience**

School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs ONLY

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39. To what extent did your GOVT coursework to your competence in the following?	contrik	oute	A great deal	t	A fair amount	A litt	tle Not		NA
Ability to apply concepts relating to political the institutions	ories a	nd							
Ability to interpret patterns of American politica	ıl beha	vior							
Ability to compare international political system	S]	
Ability to apply analytical reasoning using resear methods within the field	ch]	
Preparation for my career (e.g., public service)]	
40. In which of the following applied learning experts a linternship ☐ Independent study ☐ Study abroad ☐ URAP – SPGIA undergraduate research as ☐ Other research work ☐ Related student organization, interest graduate.	ssistan	t prograi	m	pate	as an SPGI <i>A</i>	A major	? Check all	that a	pply.
41. To what extent did your applied learning experience contribute to your competence in the following?		great leal	A fa amo		A little	е	Not at all		NA
Oral communication				1					
Written communication				- 1					
Problem solving skills]					
Ability to work in groups									
Preparation for my career (e.g., public service)]					
IX. Satisfaction		1/2						•	
42. How satisfied are you with the following asp of your education at Mason?	ects	Ve Satis	-	Sa	ntisfied	Diss	atisfied		ery/ atisfied
a. Sense of belonging at Mason									
b. Overall Mason experience									
c. Education you received in your major									
d. Academic advising									
e. Your level of involvement in campus activities									
f. Career support from faculty and staff (e.g., assistance with career planning, job search, et	c.)								
g. Preparation for work									
h. Preparation for post-baccalaureate study									
i. Mentoring (e.g., support of professional growt	h)								
j. Overall quality of course instruction					П				

. Alumni Involveme	•nt
	ow do you expect to stay connected with Mason? Mark all that apply.
	lason for University Alumni events
=	in events sponsored by your department or school/college
Read the Ma	ason Spirit (magazine)
<u> </u>	ason Scroll (monthly e-newsletter)
Contribute f	financially to the University
Connect thr	ough Social Media
Attend spor	ting events
☐ Talk with cu	rrent students
Talk with pr	ospective students
☐ I do not inte	end to stay connected with Mason/NA
6. Are you willing to le ☐ Yes	et us share your responses to Q44 with the Office of Alumni Relations for future contact?
	ents/Recommendations/Observations
7. Please use the space	e below to make comments/recommendations/ observations about your experience at Mason:

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