

Graduate Student Exit Survey Summer and Fall 2005, Spring 2006 George Mason University

Congratulations on your impending graduation from George Mason University. Your satisfaction and evaluation of your educational and student life experiences at Mason are important to us and will be used in educational planning. This survey will allow you to provide important feedback to Mason faculty and administrators. While the survey is not anonymous be assured that your responses are confidential. Data will be analyzed and reported by groups only, (e.g. by major) and at no time will individual responses be linked with your name.

Directions: Circle, mark, or write in the most appropriate response and return this survey to the Office of Institutional Assessment, George Mason University - MS 3D2, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. If you prefer to complete the survey on line go to the survey at: <http://assessment.gmu.edu/surveys/2005-2006/letter-grad.cfm> or access the survey through our web site at <http://assessment.gmu.edu>. Once there click on "Take a Graduating Student Exit Survey."

Part I. Academic Program

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about your graduate program:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	NA*	Don't know
Faculty						
1. Faculty in my department work together to achieve program goals.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
2. Interactions among students and faculty are characterized by mutual respect.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
3. Faculty members prepare carefully for their graduate courses.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
4. The courses I took were well taught.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
5. There is good communication between faculty and students regarding student needs, concerns, and suggestions.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
6. There are many opportunities outside the classroom for interaction between students and faculty.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
7. Faculty in my department were interested in the welfare and professional development of graduate students.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
8. Faculty in my department were helpful and supportive in my search for professional employment.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
9. Faculty members were well qualified to teach their courses.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
10. My advisor and I met at appropriate intervals to discuss my program of study.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
Students						
11. The intellectual caliber of students in the program is high.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
12. There are students from different social, cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds in my program.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
13. I feel that I am part of a graduate university learning community.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
Academic Program						
14. My program was intellectually challenging and stimulating.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
15. I would recommend my graduate program to prospective students.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
16. If I were starting over, I would enroll in this program again.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
17. I believe that my program provided me with a good preparation for my future career.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
18. My program provided me with a good preparation for my future personal and civic life.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK
19. Courses listed in the catalog are offered frequently enough for timely completion of the degree requirements.	4	3	2	1	NA	DK

*not applicable

Part II. Program Emphases

My degree program emphasizes:	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
20. Connections between ideas and practices	4	3	2	1	DK
21. Theoretical knowledge	4	3	2	1	DK
22. Research	4	3	2	1	DK
23. Applied Research	4	3	2	1	DK
24. Other _____	4	3	2	1	DK

My degree program SHOULD emphasize:	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
25. Connections between ideas and practices	4	3	2	1	DK
26. Theoretical knowledge	4	3	2	1	DK
27. Research	4	3	2	1	DK
28. Applied Research	4	3	2	1	DK
29. Other _____	4	3	2	1	DK

Part III. Thesis/Dissertation Experience

To what extent are the following statements applicable to your principal thesis/dissertation advisor?	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	NA/Don't know
30. Spent the time necessary to advise me on academic matters	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
31. Discussed my research with me on a regular basis	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
32. Was accessible	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
33. Was knowledgeable about my degree requirements	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
34. Was interested in my goals and projects	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
35. Critiqued my work in ways that helped my work progress	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
36. Returned my work in a timely manner	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
37. Was supportive in my search for professional employment	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
38. Other, please specify _____	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

Part IV. Satisfaction

How satisfied are you with the following in your department:	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	NA/Don't know
39. Academic advising	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
40. Career counseling	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
41. Mentoring (e.g., guidance in gaining professional competencies and status)	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
42. Adequacy of departmental resources and support (e.g., work space, assistantships, access to computers)	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
43. Communication about academic policies and procedures (sufficient and timely information and referrals)	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

44. If you checked "dissatisfied" or "very dissatisfied" in any of the above, please explain: _____

Part V. Background Information

45. Among the graduate schools that you considered, was George Mason University your:

_____ first choice _____ second choice _____ third choice or lower

46. Did you pursue your graduate degree primarily: _____ full-time _____ part-time

47. What is your approximate level of indebtedness related to your graduate study?

_____ none	_____ \$10,001-15,000	_____ \$25,001-30,000
_____ \$5,000 or less	_____ \$15,001-20,000	_____ more than \$30,000
_____ \$5,001-10,000	_____ \$20,001-25,000	

48. What are your employment plans after completing your graduate degree?

_____ I expect to continue with my current employer in my current position.
_____ I expect to continue with my current employer in a new position.
_____ I expect to return to a previous employer in a new or previous position.
_____ I will begin a new position with a new employer.
_____ I will look for employment.
_____ I will not be employed nor will I look for employment.

49. What was your employment status for most of your graduate education?

_____ did not work _____ part-time graduate assistantship _____ full-time job
_____ worked occasionally _____ other part-time job

50. Overall, how satisfied are you with your Mason experience?

_____ very satisfied _____ satisfied _____ dissatisfied _____ very dissatisfied

51. As a Mason alumnus, which of the following would be a draw to physically bring you back to campus? (Select all that apply.)

a. _____ Career networking	g. _____ Sports events
b. _____ Professional development seminar	h. _____ Recreational events
c. _____ Interaction with classmates	i. _____ Short courses
d. _____ Faculty presentation	j. _____ Interaction with faculty
e. _____ Interaction with current students	k. _____ Other, please specify _____
f. _____ Alumni homecoming	

52. Please check one or more of the following categories and comment regarding your Mason experiences in the space provided.

a. _____ Academic environment	d. _____ Faculty-student communication	g. _____ Faculty, general
b. _____ Curriculum	e. _____ Quality of advising/mentoring	h. _____ Quality of instruction
c. _____ Resources	f. _____ Staff	i. _____ Students

Please enter your GMU student identification number which begins with the letter "G."

G: _____

Your G-number is necessary for us to verify that only graduating seniors have completed the survey. All individual responses are confidential and no report will identify you as an individual. Thank you for your participation.

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