Graduating Senior Survey

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Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness – George Mason University

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

I. Enrollment and Employment History

Yes

1. Did you begin college at Mason or elsewhere?

Started here Started elsewhere and then transferred to Mason

2. While you were a student at Mason, did you WORK FOR PAY?

	No
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2.1 If yes, how often did you WORK FOR PAY ? apply)	(Mark all that	Most semesters	A few semesters	Not at all
On campus:	Part-time			
	Full-time			
Off campus:	Part-time			
	Full-time			

II. Education in Your Major and Competence

	o what extent did courses in your major contribute our competence in the following areas:	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all
a.	Critical thinking and analysis				
b.	Connecting concepts across disciplines				
с.	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 or university				
g.	Applying ethics within your field/major				
h.	Identifying and assessing the validity of assumptions within your field/major				
i.	Ability to engage in civic activities (e.g., be involved in political systems or process, identify and address issues of public/community concerns)				
j.	Communicating with others in personal and professional contexts (oral communication only)				

4. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or Don't Know
My program prepared me well to pursue my chosen profession.					

III. Global Experience

5. 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		

IV. 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.

6. 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:		

V. Experiential Learning

7. While you were a student at Mason, did you do or participate in any of the following? Check all that apply.

- a. Completed non-credit internship(s) (paid)
- b. Completed non-credit internship(s) (unpaid)
- c. Authored or co-authored a published academic paper
- d. Presented or co-presented at a conference or professional meeting
- e. Had practicum, clinical experience, or student teaching as part of a course requirement
- f. Worked on **own** research project(s) under the supervision of faculty
- g. Worked on **faculty** research projects under the supervision of faculty
- h. Produced creative projects that were nationally presented/exhibited/juried/evaluated.
- i. Participated as a volunteer research assistant
- j. Completed capstone or culminating design course(s)
- k. Participated in a recital or performance
- I. Participated in an event that showcased my artwork or design project

m. Participated in an event that exhibited or demonstrated my invention or engineering project

n. Participated in cooperative education

o. Took a student leadership role on campus

p. Travel courses

_____ q. Other:______

7.1. (If c is selected for Q7), please indicate where the academic paper was published. Check all that apply.

Peer-reviewed journal

Professional conference proceedings

e-Book or e-journal via online publishing services (e.g., Glasstree)

Websites (e.g., personal or organizational) including Blogs

Monographs/series/reports/conference proceedings published at Mason

Other, please specify: _____

VI. Academic Advising

	None	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9 or more
8. How many times have you met in person with an academic advisor during your time at Mason?						
9. How many times have you consulted with an academic advisor by phone, email, or Skype?						
10. How many times have you used Degree Works (Mason's online degree audit system) during your last year at Mason?						

11. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?	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.					
When using Degree Works (Mason's online degree audit system), I was confident in its accuracy.					

VII. Library Services

12. Which ONE of the following library locations do you consider to be your "home" library? (Select ONE)

Fenwick Library

Gateway Library (inside JC)

Mercer Library (SciTech campus)

Arlington Campus Library

🗌 Law Library

I use Mason library services/resources online only

13. What activities do you engage in most frequently when visiting a Mason Library? (OR In the most recent year, what was

your MOST Frequent reason for using a Mason library?) (Select UP TO THREE)

Individual study
Group activity (e.g., projects, discussion, preparation for exams)
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 research methods
Recreation or other nonacademic purposes (leisure reading, checking out music or videos, etc.)
Other, please specify

	To what extent did the following library services and resources nance 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. Language Experience

15. Which of the following best describes the language environment in which you grew up?

- a. English language only
- b. No English language
-] c. Multiple languages including English
- d. Multiple languages <u>not</u> including English
- 15.1. (if a is selected for Q15) Which of the following best describes your current language abilities?
 - Use English only

Use at least one other language with some fluency

Use at least one other language with high fluency

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15.2. (If b of a is selected i	or Q15) which of the	e following best describes	your current English abilities?

Use English with some fluency
Use English with high fluency

15.3. (if c or d is selected for Q15) Do you still remain fully fluent in at least two languages?

Yes
No

15.4. (if c is selected for Q15 AND Yes is selected for Q15.3) Is English one of the languages you remain fully fluent?

Yes
No

IX. School or College

16. Which of the following best describes your college:

College of Education & Human Development (go to CEHD section)

College of Humanities & Social Sciences (go to CHSS section)

School of Business (go to BUSINES section)

School for Conflict Analysis & Resolution (go to S-CAR section)

College of Science (go to COS section)

Volgenau School of Engineering (go to Volgenau section)

Schar School of Policy and Government (go to SCHAR section)

College of Health and Human Services (go to X section)

College of Visual and Performing Arts (go to CVPA section)

College of Education and Human Development ONLY

17. 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
The internship/practicum I had in my program helped me gain valuable experiences relevant to the demands of my discipline.					
The educational experiences I had in my program were closely connected to the realities in my field/major.					
The knowledge and skills I acquired from my program enable me to take on responsibilities in my profession upon graduation.					

18. How satisfied are you with the following:	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A or Don't Know
Practicum/internship or other experience-based learning in your program					
The supervision in that practicum/internship/experience-based learning					
The relevance of your program for your intended field					

College of Humanities and Social Sciences ONLY

19. To what extent did the following factors affect your decision in choosing a major while at Mason?	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all
Interest in the subject				
Family tradition				
Employment prospect				
Graduate school/further education				
Advising				
Faculty				

20. Did you switch your major while at Mason?

Yes

	No
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20.1. (If Yes) I switched my major from ______ to ______.

21. To what extent did the following factors affect your decision to register for courses while at Mason?	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all
Content of course				
Preferred time course was scheduled				
Preferred mode in which course was offered (face to face, hybrid or online)				
Preferred faculty assigned to teach the course				

22. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about your experience at George Mason University?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I had determined my course of study before I arrived at Mason.				
My major provided good preparation for the career I want to pursue.				
My major provided good preparation for the further education I want to pursue.				
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

The following concentrations/degrees are part of the School of Integrative Studies:

- Applied Global Conservation
- Childhood Studies
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Environmental & Sustainability Studies
- Individualized
- Legal Studies
- Life Sciences
- Language Arts for Education
- Natural Science for Education
- Organizational Administration/Leadership & Organizational Development
- Social Justice & Human Rights
- Social Innovation
- Social Science for Education

23. Is your major in the School of Integrative Studies?

Yes (proceed to next question)

No (go to section X)

24. How satisfied are you with the following experiences in the School of Integrative Studies?	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA/I have not had it
Integrative learning across disciplines					
Collaborative projects					
Emphasis on writing					
Emphasis on critical thinking					
Research (e.g., conducting an independent, scholarly project)					
Internships					
Study abroad					

Community service-learning			
Field Studies (e.g., credit-earning courses with field experience)			
Living Learning Community			
Involvement in Student Organizations			
Employment while in college			
Other: please specify:			

School of Business ONLY

Yes

25. To what extent did the following factors affect your decision to register for courses while at Mason?	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all
Content of course				
Ability to take course in evening				
Ability to take course online				
Faculty assigned to teach course				

26. Have you had an internship(s) while at Mason? Yes (go 3)

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27. Did the internship(s) count toward credit hours for your major?

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28. How satisfied are you with the career support within the School of Business?

Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
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School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution ONLY

The next two items are related to field experiences you have had at Mason. Examples of field experiences include internship, independent study or research, study abroad, service-learning, and travel courses.

29. How many field experiences have you had while at Mason?

One One Two Three or more

30. To what extent did your field experience contribute to your competence in the following?	A great deal	A fair amount	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				
Preparation for my career				

31. Did you switch your major while at Mason?

Yes

ΠNo

College of Science ONLY

32. What was your primary reason for choosing Mason for your degree? Select one.

- Location
- Cost/Affordability
- Employment prospect
- Family tradition
- Course flexibility
- Research focus
- Faculty expertise
- Campus environment
- Student activities
- Athletic activities
- Degree programs
 Other, please specify: _____

33. Rate the quality of the following based on your experiences at Mason.	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Work/lab space on campus					
Discipline specific software & equipment					
Unique learning experiences					
Other, please specify:					

34. 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
The lab practicum and/or research project(s) I had in my program helped me gain valuable experience relevant to my career/profession.					

Volgenau School of Engineering ONLY

35. 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
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 my career/profession.					
The knowledge and skills I acquired from my program will enable me to take on responsibilities in my profession upon graduation.					

Schar School of Policy and Government ONLY

36. To what extent did your GOVT coursework contribute to your competence in the following?	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all	NA
Ability to apply concepts relating to political theories and institutions					
Ability to interpret patterns of American political behavior					
Ability to compare international political systems					
Ability to apply analytical reasoning using research methods within the field					
Preparation for my career (e.g., public service)					

37. In which of the following applied learning experiences did you participate as a SCHAR major? Check all that apply.

Internship
Independent study
Study abroad

URAP – SCHAR undergraduate research assistant program

Other research work

Related student organization, interest group, or service group

None

38. To what extent did your applied learning experience contribute to your competence in the following?	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all	NA
Oral communication					
Written communication					
Problem solving skills					
Ability to work in groups					
Preparation for my career (e.g., public service)					

College of Visual and Performing Arts ONLY

39. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A or Don't Know
The educational experiences I had in my program were closely connected to the demands of my discipline.					

40. Which of the following contributed the most to your experience as a student in the College of Visual and Performing Arts? Select your top three.

Faculty
Coursework
Facilities
Internships
Performance/Exhibit opportunities
Technology

Technology
 Other, please specify: _____

41. To what extent did your arts education at Mason help you develop the following skills and attributes?	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all
Independent/creative thinking and problem solving				
Motivation and commitment				
Collaboration and teamwork				
Adaptability and flexibility				
Time-management and respect for deadlines				
Ability to learn quickly and work well under pressure				
Ability to apply skills learned				
Goal-oriented approach to work				
Personal discipline and work ethics (e.g., responsibility, dedication, respect, taking initiatives and follow-through)				
Leadership and self-confidence				
Enjoyment and passion for your work				

42. Did you pursue a second academic interest (major or minor) beyond the scope of your major during your time at Mason?

42.1 (If Yes to Q42) Please state your additional major and/or minor ______.

X. Satisfaction

43. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your education at Mason?	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
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, etc.) 				
g. Preparation for work				
h. Preparation for post-baccalaureate study				
i. Mentoring (e.g., support of professional growth)				
j. Overall quality of course instruction				

44. What is the best thing about Mason?

45. If you were to do it all over again, would you attend George Mason University? (Select one)
Definitely Yes Probably Yes Definitely Not Definitely Not

No No

46. Have you updated your preferred contact information with the Alumni Association? (Your name and response will be shared with the Office of Alumni Relations.)

Yes

XI. Overall Comments/Recommendations/Observations

47. Please use the space below to make comments/recommendations/ observations about your experience at Mason:

Preferred email address after graduation: __

Your preferred email address will be shared with the Office of Alumni Relations

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