Graduating Senior Survey Summer and Fall 2021, Spring 2022

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. 1.										
2.	. While you were a student at Mason, did you WORK FOR PAY either on or off campus? YesNo									
	2.1	If yes, how often did you WORK FOF that apply)	R PAY? (Mark	all	Most mesters	A few semesters	Not at a	all		
	On	campus:	Part-t	ime						
			Full-ti	ime						
	Off	campus:	Part-t							
			Full-ti	ime						
II.		n in Your Major and Competen								
		hat extent did courses in your major competence in the following areas:	contribute	Not at all	A littl	e A fair	amount	A great deal		
	a. Cr	itical thinking and analysis				[
	b. Co	nnecting concepts across disciplines	;			[
	c. Co	nducting research within your field/	major			[
	d. W	riting within your field/major								
		entifying, locating, evaluating and mormation resources within your field								
	f. Ap	plying the ideas of your field/major e classroom or university	-]				
	g. Ap	plying ethics within your field/majo	r							
		entifying and assessing the validity o sumptions within your field/major	f							
	inv	oility to engage in civic activities (e.g. Prolved in political systems or process d address issues of public/communi	s, identify			[
		mmunicating with others in persona ofessional contexts (oral communica				[
		at extent do you agree/disagree wit statement?	h the	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongl Agree	-		
	My progr	ram prepared me well to pursue my on.	chosen							

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		
i. Completed a research or creative project in another country		
j. Travelled abroad in conjunction with a Mason course		

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:		

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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
\square 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
oxdot g. Participated as a research assistant (paid, for credit or as a volunteer) on a faculty research or creative project
h. Produced creative projects that were nationally presented/exhibited/juried/evaluated.
i Completed canstone course(s) and/or culminating design course(s)

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VI.	Academic Advising		4.0	Ι.				Ι .			
	8. How many times have you met in person with	None	1-2	, 	3-4	5-	·б ¬		7-8	9 or	more
	an academic advisor during your time at Mason?		Ш			L	J			L	
	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?			[]				
	To what extent do you agree/disagree with the followatements?	wing	Stror Disag		Disag	ree	Agr	ee	Stron _i Agre		N/A or Don't Know
М	y academic advisor helped me understand degree requ	uirements	. _]							
ou	y academic advisor helped me understand how engage Itside the classroom (i.e., work, internships, study abro c.) contribute to my long-term goals.]							
lis ^s	hen I met with an academic advisor in person, I felt like tened to my concerns and created an open, respectful, clusive atmosphere.	and]]			
	hen I used Degree Works (Mason's online degree audit vas confident in its accuracy.	: system),]]			
	Which scenario best describes how you chose the maj a. I came to Mason Undeclared or Undecided b. I came to Mason having already declared in c. I changed my declared major at least once a	about a the majo	major, an or in whic	id cho th I ar	ose my m gradi	majo uating	g (Go	_		(Go t	o 12.1.1)
	12.1.1. (Show this if a is selected for Q12) To what extend o you agree/disagree with the following statement?	nt i	rongly sagree	Disa	agree	Agr	ee		ongly gree	-	/A or 't Know

12.1.2. After you declared your major, did you switch to Yes (go to 12.3.1) No (Go to 12.1.3	-	or at least onc	e while at Mason	?
12.1.3. To what extent did the following factors affect your decision in choosing your major while at Mason?	Not at all	A little	A fair amount	A great deal
Interest in the subject				
Family tradition				
Friends				
Employment prospect				
Graduate school/further education				
Academic Advising at Mason	\Box			
Exposure to new subject through a course, faculty member, or out of classroom experience				
Cost (time, money)			П	
12.2. (Show this if b is selected for Q12) To what extent did the following factors affect your decision in	Not at all	A little	A fair amount	A great deal
choosing a major before you came to Mason?				
Interest in the subject				
Family tradition				1 -
Employment prospect				
Graduate school/further education				
High school counselor	Ш	Ш	Ш	
Pre-enrollment advising from Mason				
Pre-enrollment advising at another school (if		П	П	
transferred)	_		_	_
2.3.1. (Show this if c is selected for Q12 or Yes is selected for(my current major). 12.3.2. To what extent did the following factors affect	· 12.1.2) I swi	tched from (n	ny original major) <u>.</u>	to
your decision to change your major while at Mason?	Not at all	A little	A fair amount	A great deal
Interest in the subject				
Family tradition				
Friends				
Employment prospect				
Graduate school/further education				
Academic Advising at Mason				
Exposure to new subject through a course, faculty				
member, or out of classroom experience				
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Cost (time, money)				

VII. Library Services

13. To what extent did the following activities assist	Not at	A little	A fai	ir	A g	reat		/I was not
you as a student while at Mason?	all	Anttic	amou	ınt	d	eal		is activity
Visiting the library (Fenwick, Arlington, Mercer, or Gateway)								
Asking library staff for research help (including Virtual Chat)								
Meeting with a subject librarian								
Attending a library workshop								
Reserving a study room								
Searching for books, journal articles, etc.								
Using a subject guide								
Watching library videos/tutorials								
14. To what extent did courses in your major contribute information competency/skills as specified below?	e to your		Not at all	A lit	tle	A fa		A great deal
Developing a research question based on the information synthesized	Developing a research question based on the information reviewed/]			
Understanding how information in your discipline is org structured								
Understanding which search tools and strategies to use information needs	es to use for different							
Understanding the commodification of information and access to various types of information	I how it affe	cts]			
Understanding how individuals or groups of individuals underrepresented or systematically marginalized within that produce and disseminate information	•	ns]			
Distinguishing between copyright, fair use, open access domain	, and the pu	ıblic]			
Evaluating news media for misleading or biased reporting	ng]			
Interpreting and analyzing charts, graphs, and other dat	ta visualizat	ions]			
### Action of College 15. Which of the following best describes your college: College of Education & Human Development College of Humanities & Social Sciences (goto School of Business (goto BUSINES section) School for Conflict Analysis & Resolution (goto College of Science (goto COS section) Volgenau School of Engineering (goto Volgoschar School of Policy and Government (goto College of Health and Human Services (gotoscience)	o to CHSS se o to S-CAR s enau sectio to SCHAR s	ction) section) on) section)	n)					

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

College of Education and Human Development ONLY					
16. What did you like best about your academic experience?					
17. What did you like least about your academic experience?					
18. Are you continuing your education?					
College of Humanities and Social Sciences ONLY					
19. To what extent did the following factors affect your decision to register for courses while at Mason?	Not at all	A little	A fair ar	nount	A great deal
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					
20. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following about your experience at George Mason University?	ng statements	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
My major provided good preparation for the career I want to	•				
My major provided good preparation for the further educa	tion 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 Applied Global Conservation 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 Justice & Human Rights Social Innovation Social Science for Education					
21. Is your major in the School of Integrative Studies? Yes (proceed to next question)] No (go to sect	tion IX)			

22. How satisfied are you with the following experiences in the School of Integrative Studies?	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	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							
23. To what extent did the following factors affect	Not at a	all A littl	e Af	air amount	A great deal		
your decision to register for courses while at Mason	n?						
Content of course							
Ability to take course in evening		\perp					
Ability to take course online				Ш			
Faculty assigned to teach course							
 24. Have you had an internship(s) while at Mason? Yes (go to 25) No (go to 26) 25. Did the internship(s) count toward credit hours for 	your major?						
☐ Yes ☐ No							
26. How satisfied are you with the career support within the School of Business? Very Dissatisfied Dissatisfied Satisfied Very Satisfied							
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution ONLY							
The next two items are related to field experiences you independent study or research, study abroad, service-le			es of field e	xperiences in	clude internship,		
27. How many field experiences have you had while at One Two 1	Mason? Three or more						

28. To what extent did your field experience contribute to your competence in the following?	Not at all	A little	A fai	r amount	A great deal
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					
College of Science ONLY					
☐ Location ☐ Cost/Affordability ☐ Employment prospect ☐ Family tradition ☐ Course flexibility ☐ Research focus ☐ Faculty expertise ☐ Campus environment ☐ Student activities ☐ Athletic activities ☐ Degree programs ☐ Other, please specify:					
30. Rate the quality of the following based on your experiences at Mason.	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
Work/lab space on campus					
Discipline specific software & equipment					
Unique learning experiences					
Other, please specify:					
31. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about your preparation for your profession?		Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A or Don't Know
The lab practicum and/or research project(s) I had in my program helped me gain valuable experient relevant to my career/profession.					

Volgenau School of Engineering ONLY

the fo	o what extent do you agree/disagree wit llowing statements about your preparat ur profession?		Strongly Disagree	I I licad	ree	Agree	Stro Agı	ngly ree	N/A or Don't Know		
	ogram offered opportunities for me to a ng outside of class.	pply									
helpe	iternship/practicum I had in my program d me gain valuable experience relevant t r/profession.	l I									
progra	nowledge and skills I acquired from my am will enable me to take on responsibil profession upon graduation.	ities									
Schar Schoo	of Policy and Government ONLY					<u> </u>	.		. T		
	what extent did your GOVT coursework on petence in the following?	contribu	ite to N	ot at all	A li	ttle I	fair nount	A great	NA NA		
Ability to institution	apply concepts relating to political theo ons	ories and	d								
Ability to	interpret patterns of American political	l behavi	or								
	compare international political systems										
Ability to within th	o apply analytical reasoning using researd	ch meth	ods								
	ion for my career (e.g., public service)					٦					
	of the following applied learning experi nternship ndependent study Study abroad JRAP – SCHAR undergraduate research a Other research work Related student organization, interest gr	assistant	t program	1	s a SC	CHAR majo	r? Checl	c all that	apply.		
	nat extent did your applied learning se contribute to your competence in ving?	Not a	at all	A little		A fair amount	_	reat eal	NA		
Oral com	munication										
Written c	ommunication										
Problem s	solving skills										
Ability to	work in groups										
Preparati	on for my career (e.g., public service)										

College of Health and Human Services ONLY

36. The items below address workplace readiness skills. Please indicate how satisfied you are with the preparation you received at Mason (e.g., via classes, practicum/internships/filed experience or placements) for each of the following:	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neith Dissatis nor Satisfi	fied \	ery/ eisfied	Satisfied	NA
Writing clearly and professionally							
Applying problem-solving skills							
Reasoning and critical thinking skills							
Working well in a group					\Box		
Strong oral communication skills							
Research skills (e.g., conducting an independent, scholarly project)							
37. Considering the teaching and related learning methods involved, please indicate your overall level of satisfaction with each of the following:	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neith Dissation	sfied V	ery isfied	Satisfied	NA
On-line courses							
Hybrid (partly on-line) courses							
Service learning							
Volunteer work							
 When did you declare your current major a Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior College of Visual and Performing Arts ONLY	t Mason?						
39. To what extent do you agree/disagree w following statements?	vith the	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Stror Agr	- 1 100	n't
The educational experiences I had in my powere closely connected to the demands of discipline.	•						
40. Which of the following contributed the model Select your top three. Faculty		perience as a st	tudent in t	he College	of Visua	l and Perfor	ming Arts?

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ied Satisfied	Very Satisfied
	Satisfied
	ed Satisfied

Mason's Alumni Association uses your contact information to help keep you informed about Mason news and events and to
offer discounts and benefits to members of the Alumni Community.
46. Have you joined the Online Alumni Community? Yes No
47. Please enter your preferred email address after graduation:
(Your responses to Q46 and Q47 will be shared with the Office of Alumni Relations)
XI. Overall Comments/Recommendations/Observations
48. Please specify how COVID-19 affected your Mason experience. How can Mason better help future students address similar challenges?
49. Please use the space below to make additional comments/recommendations/ observations about your experience at Mason:

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X. Alumni Involvement