

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE EXIT SURVEY UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

The information sought from this survey will be used by the Graduate College to improve graduate education on the Urbana-Champaign campus. We encourage you to respond fully to all questions. Individual responses will be kept confidential.

Date: _____

Graduation Month:(circle one) May Aug Oct Dec

1. What degree are you receiving? (check one)

- a. PhD, EdD, or similar doctoral level degree
- b. MA, MS, MBA, WA, MSW, or similar master's level degree or Certificate of Advanced Study

2. Academic department from which you will receive the degree. (Avoid abbreviations) _____

3. Which of the following BEST describes your post-degree employment status? (check one)

- a. Employed in a position that I think is appropriate for a person with my degree.
- b. Employed, but not a position I think is appropriate for a person with my degree.
- c. Continuing to seek employment
- d. Not seeking employment
- e. Self-employed
- f. Continuing my graduate education
- g. Other (Please explain)

4. Please read the following statements and mark the appropriate response:

Strongly Agree=(SA) Agree=(A) Disagree=(D) Strongly Disagree=(SD) Not Used/Not Applicable=(NA)

a. Overall, the quality of my graduate educational experience was high.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
b. My academic program prepared me well for my professional career goals.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
c. My dissertation/thesis/program adviser did a good job in promoting my professional development.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
d. My dissertation/thesis/program adviser did a good job in advising me about my research.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
e. My dissertation/thesis/program adviser did a good job in advising me about degree requirements.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
f. The quality of courses I was required to take inside my department was high	SA	A	D	SD	NA
g. The quality of courses I was required to take outside my department was high.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
h. The quality of courses I electd to take was high	SA	A	D	SD	NA
i. Courses were available when I needed them.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
j. The intellectual climate in the department was stimulating.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
k. Overall, the departmental climate was supportive.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
l. There was adequate flexibility in the program to pursue other academic interests.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
m. The quality of my assistantship experiences(s) was (were) high.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
n. The financial support I received allowed me to complete my degree without substantial debt.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
o. Equipment, facilities, and similar resources were available when I needed them	SA	A	D	SD	NA
p. There were adequate university services to assist with my personal, family, and health needs.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
q. When I had a problem, I was satisfied with the help I received in solving it.	SA	A	D	SD	NA

5. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following resources/services and mark the appropriate response:

Strongly Satisfied=(SS) Satisfied=(S) Unsatisfied=(U) Strongly Unsatisfied=(SU) Not Used/Not Applicable=(NA)

a. On-campus office space/Work space/studio space/practice room	SS	S	U	SU	NA
b. On-campus communication (mailbox, phone, email, etc.)	SS	S	U	SU	NA
c. Home department administrative office	SS	S	U	SU	NA
d. Laboratory facilities	SS	S	U	SU	NA
e. Computer labs/equipment	SS	S	U	SU	NA
f. Library	SS	S	U	SU	NA
g. McKinley Health Center	SS	S	U	SU	NA
h. Student health insurance	SS	S	U	SU	NA
i. Student dental insurance	SS	S	U	SU	NA
j. University health insurance coverage for my dependents	SS	S	U	SU	NA
k. Counseling Center	SS	S	U	SU	NA
l. Graduate student housing	SS	S	U	SU	NA
m. Graduate College (including Graduate College workshops)	SS	S	U	SU	NA
n. Office of Student Financial Aid	SS	S	U	SU	NA
o. Office of International Student Affairs	SS	S	U	SU	NA
p. Ombuds Office	SS	S	U	SU	NA
q. Division of Rehabilitation Education Services	SS	S	U	SU	NA
r. Other (Please Specify) _____	SS	S	U	SU	NA

(questions continue on the reverse side)

6. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the quality of information/advice received from the following sources:

Strongly Satisfied=(SS) Satisfied=(S) Unsatisfied=(U) Strongly Unsatisfied=(SU) Not Used/Not Applicable=(NA)

a. My department's graduate handbook	SS	S	U	SU	NA
b. My advisor(s)	SS	S	U	SU	NA
c. Members of my doctoral/thesis committee	SS	S	U	SU	NA
d. Director Of Graduate Studies in my department	SS	S	U	SU	NA
e. Other faculty	SS	S	U	SU	NA
f. Other graduate students	SS	S	U	SU	NA
g. Staff in my department's graduate office	SS	S	U	SU	NA
h. My department's Website	SS	S	U	SU	NA
i. Graduate College Website	SS	S	U	SU	NA
j. Graduate College staff in Coble Hall	SS	S	U	SU	NA
k. Handbook for Graduate Students and Advisers	SS	S	U	SU	NA
l. <i>Grad Times</i> newsletter	SS	S	U	SU	NA
m. Graduate Student Advisory	SS	S	U	SU	NA
n. Office of the Dean of Students	SS	S	U	SU	NA
o. Office of Admissions and Records	SS	S	U	SU	NA
p. Other (<i>Please Specify</i>) _____	SS	S	U	SU	NA

7. Please answer the following by circling the appropriate response:

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| a. I authored or co-authored a peer-reviewed publication while pursuing my degree. | YES | NO |
| b. I presented my research at seminars, colloquial or conferences or exhibited/performed my artistic work(s) while pursuing my degree. | YES | NO |

S. What recommendations do you have to improve graduate education at Illinois? If you have any other thoughts or comments, please write them in the space below or attach additional pages as necessary. (Please try to limit your comments to under 250 words).

OPTIONAL: The demographic information below will remain confidential. It will be used only for compiling-aggregate data.

9. Gender (Circle one) a. Female b. Male

10. Ethnic background (Circle the most appropriate)

- a. International Student, please specify country _____
- b. African-American c. American Indian/Alaskan native d. Asian/Pacific Islander e. Hispanic/Latina/Latino
- f. White (not of Hispanic origin) g. Other ethnicity (*Please specify*) _____

11. If you are a person with a disability, which of the following categories describe your disability? (Circle as appropriate)

- a. Visual b. Hearing/Auditory c. Speech d. Mobility e. Learning f. Other (*Please specify*) _____

We thank you for completing this survey. If you would like to be contacted by the Graduate College to discuss this survey or any thoughts you may have on your graduate education experience, you may call (217) 333-6715 or return the contact form attached to the survey.

PLEASE PUT YOUR COMPLETED FORM IN THE BOX IN THE THESIS OFFICE