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Graduate and Law Student Exit Survey
Summer and Fall 2002, Spring 2003

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.

Directions: Circle, mark, or write in the most appropriate response and return to the Office of Institutional Assessment, George Mason University - MS 3D2, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. If you prefer, complete this survey on-line at: http://assessment.gmu.edu. 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	n/a*	don't know
1. Faculty in my department work together to achieve program goals.	5	4	3	2	1	0
2. I felt a part of a graduate university learning community.	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. Interactions among students and faculty are characterized by mutual respect.	5	4	3	2	1	0
4. The intellectual caliber of students in the program is high.	5	4	3	2	1	0
5. My program was intellectually challenging and stimulating.	5	4	3	2	1	0
6. Faculty members prepare carefully for their graduate courses.	5	4	3	2	1	0
7. The courses I took were well taught.	5	4	3	2	1	0
8. The courses I took were valuable for me.	5	4	3	2	1	0
9. There is good communication among faculty and students regarding student needs, concerns, and suggestions.	5	4	3	2	1	0
10. There are many opportunities outside the classroom for interaction among students and faculty.	5	4	3	2	1	0
11. Faculty in my department were interested in the welfare and professional development of graduate students.	5	4	3	2	1	0
12. I have learned a great deal as a student in the department/program.	5	4	3	2	1	0
13. I would recommend my graduate program to prospective students.	5	4	3	2	1	0
14. If I were starting over, I would enroll in this program again.	5	4	3	2	1	0
15. I believe that my program provided me with a good preparation for my future career.	5	4	3	2	1	0
16. My program provided me with a good preparation for my future personal and civic life.	5	4	3	2	1	0
17. Courses listed in the catalog are offered frequently enough for timely completion of the degree requirements.	5	4	3	2	1	0
18. My graduate school experiences (courses, internships, projects) were very relevant to my career goals and directions.	5	4	3	2	1	0
19. My department was helpful and supportive in my search for professional employment.	5	4	3	2	1	0

*not applicable

I had sufficient opportunities to participate in the following experiences:	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	n/a*	don't know
20. Quality research	5	4	3	2	1	0
21. Assistantships	5	4	3	2	1	0
22. Internships	5	4	3	2	1	0
23. Grant writing	5	4	3	2	1	0
24. Opportunities to take courses outside the major that were **related** to my program	5	4	3	2	1	0
25. Opportunities to take courses outside the major that were **unrelated** to my program	5	4	3	2	1	0
26. Presenting conference papers	5	4	3	2	1	0
27. Performing or otherwise displaying my talents	5	4	3	2	1	0
28. Attending seminars or seeing professionals in my field	5	4	3	2	1	0

*not applicable

Part II. Assistantship/Internship

29. If you had an **assistantship** to what extent did it contribute to your professional preparation?

____ very much ____ somewhat ____ a little ____ not at all _____ not applicable

30. If you had an **internship** to what extent did it contribute to your professional preparation?

____ very much ____ somewhat ____ a little ____ not at all _____ not applicable

Part III. Resources

How adequate did you find the following services for meeting your needs?	very adequate	adequate	inadequate	very inadequate	didn't need
31. Student services (e.g., admissions, counseling, health services)	4	3	2	1	0
32. Financial assistance (e.g., grants, loans, assistantships)	4	3	2	1	0
33. Campus services (e.g., bookstore, parking, lounge facilities)	4	3	2	1	0
34. Library holdings for my field/area of study	4	3	2	1	0
35. Library equipment/technology (computers, online databases, microfiche equipment)	4	3	2	1	0
36. On-campus computer network and information technology (IT) resources available to me (e.g. labs, computers)	4	3	2	1	0

37. Was there a service that you needed that was not available? Please be specific. _____

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Part IV. Satisfaction

How satisfied are you with the following in your department:	very satisfied	satisfied	dissatisfied	very dissatisfied	don't know
38. Advising support (e.g., guidance on academic requirements, thesis/dissertation, designing program of study)	4	3	2	1	0
39. Evaluation of your progress towards completing the degree	4	3	2	1	0
40. Mentoring (e.g., guidance in gaining professional competencies and status)	4	3	2	1	0
41. Adequacy of departmental resources and support (e.g., work space, assistantships, access to computers)	4	3	2	1	0
42. Communication about academic policies and procedures (sufficient and timely information and referrals)	4	3	2	1	0

Part V. Background Information

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

____ first choice ____ second choice _____ third choice or lower

44. Did you pursue your graduate degree primarily:

____ full-time ____ part-time

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

____none ____ less than $5,000 ____ $5,001-9,999 ____$10,000-14,999

____$15,000-19,999 ____ $20,000-24,999 ____ $25,000-29,999 ____ $30,000 or more

46. 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 am looking for a new position with a new employer.

____ I will not be employed nor am I looking for employment.

47. What do you hope will be your primary activity following completion of your degree? (Select one)

____ research ____ teaching ____ research and teaching (approximately equally)

____ administration or management ____ professional service

____ scientific or technical service ____ further study or training

____ other, please specify: _____

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48. Comments: _____

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49. Your nine-digit student identification number: ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___

(Your student identification number is necessary for us to verify that only graduating students have completed the survey. All individual responses are confidential and no report will identify you as an individual.) Thank you.

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