

**Graduate Student Exit Survey
Summer and Fall 2009, Spring 2010
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. To contact the Office of Institutional Assessment: Mason Hall, D111, Phone: 703-993-8834 or E-mail: assessment@gmu.edu. We can be reached by mail at the address below.

Directions: Circle, mark, or write in the most appropriate response and return the completed 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 online, go directly to: <https://assessment.gmu.edu/surveys/2009-2010/letter-grad.cfm> or access the survey through our website at: <https://assessment.gmu.edu>. Once there click on "Student Exit Surveys."

Part I. Academic Program

1.1. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about **faculty** in your graduate program:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	*NA/Don't know
Faculty					
The courses I took were well taught.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
There is good communication between faculty and students regarding student needs, concerns, and suggestions.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
There are many opportunities outside the classroom for interaction between students and faculty.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Faculty in my department were interested in the professional development of graduate students.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Faculty in my department were helpful and supportive in my search for professional employment.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Faculty members were well qualified to teach their courses.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Faculty were willing to meet with me to discuss my academic performance.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

1.2. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about **students** in your graduate program:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	*NA/Don't know
Students					
The intellectual caliber of students in my program is high.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
There are students from different social, cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds in my program.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
My program encourages student collaboration and teamwork.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Program activities foster a sense of intellectual community.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

1.3. To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements about **academics** in your graduate program:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	*NA/Don't know
Academic Experiences					
My program has high academic standards.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
My program integrates current developments in my field.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Courses listed in the catalog are offered frequently enough for timely completion of the degree requirements.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
My program prepared me well for my profession.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
My program was intellectually challenging and stimulating.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

I would recommend my graduate program to prospective students.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
If I were starting over, I would enroll in this program again.	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

*Not applicable

Part II. Thesis/Project/Dissertation Experiences

2. Which of the following are **required** in your degree program? (*Select ALL that apply.*)

- a. _____ Thesis/Dissertation
- b. _____ Culminating **research paper** (not part of a thesis/dissertation)
- c. _____ Culminating **research project** (not part of a thesis/dissertation)
- d. _____ Culminating/capstone **project**
- e. _____ Culminating **creative work**
- f. _____ **Portfolio**
- g. _____ Comprehensive/proficiency **exam**
- h. _____ **Internship/practicum, or field experiences**
- i. _____ International experiences

2. 1. Which of the above is the **final** culminating requirement **for graduation**?

- _____ No culminating requirement (completion of required credit hours only)
- _____ One of the above requirements (Check the requirements below. You may select more than one)

a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	g.	h.	i.
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- _____ Other: _____

If you have a principal advisor for your culminating requirement, please answer the following:

2.2. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about your **principal advisor** for your final culminating requirement?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	NA*/Don't know
Was accessible	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Was interested in my research/project goals	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Discussed my research/project with me on a regular basis	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Critiqued my work in ways that helped my work progress	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Returned my work in a timely manner	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

2.3 Comments about working with your principal advisor:

Part III. Information Technology and University Libraries

3. To what degree did the following types of technology enhance your learning experiences at Mason?

	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all	NA*/Never used
Course management systems (e.g. WebCT, Blackboard)	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
Technology enhanced classrooms (e.g. Innovation Hall and Research I)	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
Wireless connection on campus	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
Specialized software extensively used in my discipline	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
Student computing labs	4	3	2	1	NA/NU

4. To what degree did the following types of library services enhance your learning experiences at Mason?	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all	NA*/Never used
E-resources (online databases, e-journals, e-books)	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
Library collections in my field of study	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
Library technologies (library computers, off-campus access to e-resources)	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
The librarian who works with my field/area of study (liaison librarian)	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
Library staff assistance	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
University Libraries Thesis/Dissertation Services	4	3	2	1	NA/NU
Interlibrary loan services	4	3	2	1	NA/NU

* Not applicable

Part IV. Student Support

5. How satisfied are you with the following in your department:	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	NA*/Don't know
Academic advising	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Career counseling	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Mentoring (e.g., supporting professional development)	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Adequacy of departmental resources and support (e.g., work space, assistantships, access to computers/specialized programs)	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Communication about academic policies and procedures (sufficient and timely information and referrals)	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

6. How do you evaluate your mentoring experience during your graduate education at Mason?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	NA*/Don't know
Academic advising	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Career counseling	4	3	2	1	NA/DK
Mentoring (e.g., supporting professional development)	4	3	2	1	NA/DK

7. Comments on Student Support:

Part V. Background Information

8. Among the graduate schools that you considered, was George Mason University your:
- a. ____ First choice b. ____ Second choice c. ____ Third choice or lower
9. Did you pursue your graduate degree primarily: a. ____ Full-time b. ____ Part-time
10. What was your employment status for most of your graduate education?
- a. ____ Graduate assistantship c. ____ Part-time job e. ____ Did not work
- b. ____ Full-time job d. ____ Worked occasionally

11. When were you officially enrolled in your degree program? (Do NOT include non-degree status.)
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| a. _____ 2002 or earlier | c. _____ 2004 | e. _____ 2006 | g. _____ 2008 |
| b. _____ 2003 | d. _____ 2005 | f. _____ 2007 | h. _____ 2009 |
12. What is your approximate level of indebtedness related to your graduate study?
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| a. _____ None | e. _____ \$15,001-20,000 |
| b. _____ \$5,000 or less | f. _____ \$20,001-25,000 |
| c. _____ \$5,001-10,000 | g. _____ \$25,001-30,000 |
| d. _____ \$10,001-15,000 | h. _____ More than \$30,000 |

Part VI. Final Comments

13. Overall, how satisfied are you with your Mason experience? Please elaborate in the comments section below.
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| a. _____ Very satisfied | b. _____ Satisfied | c. _____ Dissatisfied | d. _____ Very dissatisfied |
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14. Please select one or more of the following categories and comment regarding your Mason experiences in the space provided.
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| a. _____ Academic environment | h. _____ Quality of instruction |
| b. _____ Campus environment | i. _____ Research experiences |
| c. _____ Curriculum | j. _____ Resources (lab, Internet, library, bookstore, etc.) |
| d. _____ Faculty, general | k. _____ Staff |
| e. _____ Faculty–student communication | l. _____ Students |
| f. _____ General comments | m. _____ University management (food, gym, parking, etc.) |
| g. _____ Quality of advising/mentoring | n. _____ Other: _____ |

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

Student identification number: G _____

GMU email address: _____ **@gmu.edu**

Preferred email address after graduation: _____

Your G-number and email address are 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 for your participation!

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