

Graduating Senior Survey

Summer and Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Congratulations on your impending graduation from George Mason University! Your feedback is important to us and will be used in educational planning. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Institutional Assessment at 703-993-8834 or assessment@gmu.edu. Thank you for your participation.

Directions: For each question, select or mark the most appropriate response. Return the completed survey to the Office of Institutional Assessment, George Mason University - MS 3D2, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

I. Enrollment and Employment History

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**?

- Yes No

2.1 If yes, how often did you **WORK FOR PAY**? (Mark all that apply)

		Most semesters	A few semesters	Not at all
On-campus (other than an assistantship):	Part-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Full-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Off-campus:	Part-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Full-time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

II. Student Financial Debt

3. At graduation, how much money will you owe for tuition, books, and other educational expenses?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,001-20,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 or less | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 - 25,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,001-10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001 - \$30,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001-15,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$30,000 |

III. Education in Your Major

4. To what extent did courses in your major contribute to your competence in the following areas:

	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all
a. Critical thinking and analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Connecting concepts across disciplines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Conducting research within your field/major	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Writing within your field/major	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Identifying, locating, evaluating and managing information resources within your field/major	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Applying the ideas of your field/major outside of the classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Applying ethics within your field/major	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Identifying and assessing the validity of assumptions within your field/major	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV. Students as Scholars

5. Have you heard of Mason's *Students as Scholars: Fostering a Culture of Student Scholarship*?

- Yes, I am very familiar with it
 Yes, I have heard of it
 Maybe, I am not sure
 No, I haven't heard of it

If "Yes" or "Maybe":

5.1. Where did you hear about *Students as Scholars*? Check all that apply.

- I heard a presentation about it
 A professor told me about it
 I read about it in a university email, website, or blog
 A friend told me about it
 I can't remember where I heard about it
 Other: _____

6. To what extent do you think that there are opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in research or creative activities/projects (outside of regular course assignments) at Mason?

- There are many
 There are some
 There are few
 There are none

7. Have any of your Mason professors shared information about their own research or creative activities?

- Yes
 No
 Not sure

8. Outside of regular course assignments, have you **done** or do you **plan to** work on a research or creative activity/project with a Mason faculty member before graduation?

- Yes
 No

If "Yes":

8.1a. Which of the following reasons describe why you worked on or plan to work on a research or creative activity with a professor? Mark all that apply.

- To work with a specific faculty mentor
 To work on a specific project
 To gain experience for a career or graduate school
 To receive compensation or pay
 It was required by my academic major or program
 To meet other students who have similar interests or goals
 Other: _____

8.1b. Please list the name(s) of your project supervisor(s): _____

If "No":

8.2. Which of the following reasons describe why you did not do or do not plan to do research or a creative project with a professor? Mark all that apply.

- I didn't have time in my schedule
- I didn't know how to find a project
- I needed to work for pay and could not find a paid research opportunity
- I looked but could not find an opportunity that interested me
- I was not interested in participating
- I did not know it was available/I never heard about it
- Other: _____

9. While you were a student at Mason, did you share your research or creative project outside of class in any of the following ways? Check all that apply.

- I presented a paper or poster at a Mason event
- I presented a paper or poster at an off-campus conference
- I participated in a recital or performance
- I participated in an event that showcased my artwork or design project
- I participated in an event that exhibited or demonstrated my invention or engineering project
- Other: _____
- I did not present anything outside of class

V. Writing Center

10. While you were a student at Mason, did you talk to a Writing Center tutor about how to get started, develop, or finish a piece of writing?

- Never Once or twice A few times Often

If any except "Never":

10.1. To what extent did the Writing Center contribute to your success at Mason?

- A great deal
- A fair amount
- A little
- Not at all

If "Never":

10.2. What were your reasons for not using the services of the Writing Center? Check all that apply.

- I did not know the Writing Center existed
- I did not need the services
- I was not sure how a Writing Center tutor could help me
- I could not get an appointment when I needed help.
- I did not know what services were offered
- I did not have time
- I thought the Writing Center was just for students in English classes
- I did not feel comfortable sharing my work with others
- Other: _____

VI. Satisfaction

11. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Overall Mason experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Education you received in your major ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Your level of involvement in campus activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. If you were to do it all over again, would you attend George Mason University? (Select one)

- Definitely Yes Probably Yes Probably Not Definitely Not

VII. Education Plan

13. Would you be interested in pursuing a master's level program at Mason? Check all that apply.

- Yes, face-to-face only
 Yes, hybrid of face-to-face and online
 Yes, online only
 No, I am not interested

If "online only" or "hybrid of face-to-face and online":

13.1. What master's program would you pursue?

VIII. Overall comments/recommendations/observations on your experiences at Mason:

14. Please use the space below to make comments/recommendations/ observations about your experience at Mason: *(Add additional pages if necessary and attach and return with survey.)*

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 senior students have completed the survey. All individual responses are confidential and no report will identify you as an individual.

Thank you for your participation!