

**Graduating Senior 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](mailto: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 this survey online, go directly to: <https://assessment.gmu.edu/surveys/2009-2010/letter-senior.cfm> or access the survey through our website at: <https://assessment.gmu.edu>. Once there, click on "Student Exit Surveys."

**I. Enrollment & Employment**

1. Which of the following statements best describes your enrollment status at Mason?

- I started college at Mason as a freshman.  
 I started college at another institution and transferred to Mason.

1.1 If you transferred, how many credit hours were **accepted** by Mason?

- 14 or less     15 – 29     30 – 44     45 – 59     60 or more

2. While at Mason, I was employed for pay:

- Every semester     50% or more of semesters     Less than 50% of semesters     Not at all

2.1 If you worked for pay, how many semesters did you work **on campus**?

- Every semester     50% or more of semesters     Less than 50% of semesters     Not at all

**II. Educational Experiences**

3. To what extent did the courses in your major emphasize each of the following:

	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all
Breaking down information to identify assumptions and relationships	4	3	2	1
Evaluating alternative points of view	4	3	2	1
Synthesizing information from different sources	4	3	2	1
Applying concepts learned in class to new situations	4	3	2	1
Developing and using criteria to judge the value and quality of ideas	4	3	2	1
Judging the quality and relevance of sources of information	4	3	2	1
Thoroughly considering limitations of conclusions and methods	4	3	2	1
Practicing ethical behavior in my field	4	3	2	1
Taking global perspectives into consideration	4	3	2	1

4. How often did Mason faculty in your major:

	Always	Usually	Seldom	Never
Set high expectations for your learning	4	3	2	1
Encourage you to be actively involved in learning	4	3	2	1
Encourage student-faculty interaction out of class	4	3	2	1
Give prompt feedback on your academic performance	4	3	2	1
Encourage learning through cooperative activities among students	4	3	2	1

5. How <b>competent</b> do you feel about your knowledge/abilities in each of the following:	Very competent	Competent	Not very competent	Not at all competent
In-depth knowledge in a particular field/major	4	3	2	1
Ability to work in groups	4	3	2	1
Ability to work independently	4	3	2	1
Problem-solving skills	4	3	2	1
Creativity	4	3	2	1
Global perspective	4	3	2	1
Writing	4	3	2	1
Oral communication	4	3	2	1
Information technology	4	3	2	1
Quantitative reasoning	4	3	2	1
Scientific reasoning	4	3	2	1

### III. Advising

6. During your senior year, how often were you in touch with an advisor to discuss your course schedule, graduation requirements, application to graduate school, etc.?

\_\_\_ Three times or more      \_\_\_ Twice      \_\_\_ Once      \_\_\_ Not at all

7. How satisfied are you with the ability of your advisor to:	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Provide accurate information about academic requirements and choices	4	3	2	1
Provide help exploring and clarifying educational goals	4	3	2	1
Provide help in finding out about academic support available at Mason (e.g. Learning Center, Writing Center, Support Services, Math Literacy Center, etc.)	4	3	2	1
Provide help in thinking about your academic choices	4	3	2	1
Have respect and concern for you as an advisee	4	3	2	1

### IV. Research Activities

8. Have you engaged in the following research activities while attending Mason?

	Yes, completed	Yes, currently engaged	No, but planning to by graduation	No
Worked on a research project with a faculty member outside of a course or program requirement	4	3	2	1
Worked on a graduation paper or project involving independent research as a degree requirement	4	3	2	1
Worked on a research project as an intern or research assistant outside of campus	4	3	2	1
Participated in a student research conference	4	3	2	1
Wrote an honor's thesis	4	3	2	1
Other (please specify):	4	3	2	1

8.1 How did this experience(s) contribute to your education? \_\_\_\_\_

## V. International Experiences

9. Have you engaged in the following international experiences while attending Mason?	Yes, completed	Yes, currently engaged	No, but planning to by graduation	No
Participated in a semester or year-long study abroad program	4	3	2	1
Participated in a summer or winter break program abroad	4	3	2	1
Participated in an honors program abroad	4	3	2	1
Worked in a foreign country for an employment assignment or internship	4	3	2	1
Traveled to a foreign country for volunteer work	4	3	2	1
Other (please specify):	4	3	2	1

9.1 How did this experience(s) contribute to your education? \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. Satisfaction

10. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your education at Mason?	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable
Academic courses	4	3	2	1	NA
Education you received <b>in general</b>	4	3	2	1	NA
Education you received <b>in your major</b>	4	3	2	1	NA
<b>Advising</b> you received in your major	4	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for <b>work</b>	4	3	2	1	NA
Preparation for <b>post-baccalaureate study</b>	4	3	2	1	NA
Overall Mason experience	4	3	2	1	NA
Sense of belonging at Mason	4	3	2	1	NA

11. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of campus life and services?	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable
Campus life in general	4	3	2	1	NA
Residence hall life	4	3	2	1	NA
Career counseling	4	3	2	1	NA
Counseling for personal concerns	4	3	2	1	NA
Financial aid services	4	3	2	1	NA
Food services	4	3	2	1	NA
Recreational services	4	3	2	1	NA
Information technology	4	3	2	1	NA
Shuttle services	4	3	2	1	NA
Campus safety	4	3	2	1	NA

12. If you were to do it all over again, would you attend George Mason?  
 \_\_\_ Definitely yes      \_\_\_ Probably yes      \_\_\_ Probably no      \_\_\_ Definitely no

## VII. Diversity and Multiculturalism

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about diversity at Mason?	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure/Don't know
Mason fosters multiculturalism on campus.	4	3	2	1	NS/DK
Mason fosters accessibility for persons with disabilities.	4	3	2	1	NS/DK
The campus environment supports a broad diversity of students.	4	3	2	1	NS/DK
The campus environment is accepting of who I am.	4	3	2	1	NS/DK

	14.1. <i>Before you were enrolled at Mason,</i> how likely were you to :				14.2. <i>Now,</i> how likely are you to:			
	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely
<b>Reach out</b> to people from backgrounds different than yours	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
<b>Socialize</b> with people from backgrounds different than yours	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1

## VIII. Comments/recommendations/observations on your experiences at Mason

15. Please select those areas on which you wish to comment and use the space below to make comments/recommendations/observations about Mason: (*Add additional pages if necessary and attach and return with survey.*)

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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Academic advising              | g. <input type="checkbox"/> Financial aid                                       |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Admissions and tuition         | h. <input type="checkbox"/> Resources (lab, Internet, library, bookstore, etc.) |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Career services and counseling | i. <input type="checkbox"/> Staff, general                                      |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity at Mason             | j. <input type="checkbox"/> Student life and residence halls                    |
| e. <input type="checkbox"/> Education in major             | k. <input type="checkbox"/> University management (food, gym, parking, etc.)    |
| f. <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty, general               | l. <input type="checkbox"/> 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 seniors 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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