

Graduate Student Exit Survey

Please evaluate your graduate education by taking a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. Be assured that the information you provide will remain confidential and your answers to the questions will in no way affect your relations with the faculty, staff, or the Graduate School of Wichita State University. The feedback you provide is important and will provide information that will enable WSU to improve the quality of its graduate education. Thank you for your cooperation. (v7.2)

SECTION I: DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM (Questions about your program of study)

A. PROGRAM LEVEL

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- | | Agree (1) | Disagree (2) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. My program provided a graduate student handbook..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Faculty/staff were well-informed about program degree requirements..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Faculty/staff were accessible..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

4. On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall satisfaction with your program of graduate studies at WSU.

Very Dissatisfied (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Satisfied

B. COURSE/INSTRUCTION

Please answer the following questions below about the courses you took during your graduate studies.

5. What TIME of day do you **most PREFER** to attend courses (**check only one**)?
- Morning (1) Afternoon (2) Evening (3) No preference (4)
6. What DAY(S) do you **most PREFER** to attend courses (**check only one**)?
- Monday (1) Monday – Wednesday – Friday (6)
 Tuesday (2) Monday – Wednesday (7)
 Wednesday (3) Tuesday – Thursday (8)
 Thursday (4) Other (9)
 Weekend (5) No preference (0)

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- | | Agree (1) | Disagree (2) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 7. My classes were offered at times convenient to my schedule..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Course offerings enabled me to complete my degree in a timely manner..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please rate the following aspects of your overall graduate education at WSU.

9. Your satisfaction with the feedback provided by faculty about your course work?

Not Satisfied (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Satisfied

10. Your satisfaction with the quality of instruction in courses *required* by your program?

Not Satisfied (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Satisfied

11. Your satisfaction with the overall course instruction you received in your graduate studies at WSU.

Not Satisfied (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Satisfied

C.1. ACADEMIC ADVISING (for enrollment and degree requirement related activities, not research advising) (if you did not receive academic advising, skip to Question 21).

12. Did you generally receive academic advising **BEFORE** registering for classes?..... Yes (1) No (2)

13. Approximately how many times per semester did you meet with an advisor for academic advising?

0 1 2 3 or more

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

- | | Agree (1) | Disagree (2) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 14. My academic advisor was usually accessible for advising..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. My academic advisor was knowledgeable about requirements in my major..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. My academic advisor made clear the requirements I needed to complete my degree..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 17. My academic advisor provided information to help me select courses..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. My academic advisor notified me of graduate school deadlines..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. My academic advisor assisted me in preparing graduate school and department forms..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

20. On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall level of satisfaction with the academic advising you have received.

Very Dissatisfied O (1) O (2) O (3) O (4) O (5) Very Satisfied

C.2. RESEARCH ADVISING (Dissertation, Thesis, or Master’s Project advising)
(if your program only involves course work with no final project, skip to Question 26).

21. During a typical semester, about how often did you meet or communicate with an advisor about your dissertation, thesis or master’s project? O 0 O 1 O 2 O 3 or more

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Agree (1) Disagree (2)

22. My advisor was accessible when I wanted to talk about my research..... O O

23. My advisor provided feedback about rough drafts of my research..... O O

24. My advisor provided useful advice about preparing for my research defense..... O O

25. On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall level of satisfaction with the advising you received about your dissertation, thesis, or masters project.

Very Dissatisfied O (1) O (2) O (3) O (4) O (5) Very Satisfied

D. TECHNOLOGY

26. Were you required to have technology access in order to complete your graduate course work?

O Yes (1) O No (2)

On a scale of one (not at all accessible) to five (very accessible), rate the level of accessibility to each of the following:

	Not at all Accessible			Very Accessible		Don't use
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
27. Computers (wordprocessing, spreadsheets, etc.).....	O	O	O	O	O	O
28. Internet access.....	O	O	O	O	O	O
29. Laboratory or field equipment.....	O	O	O	O	O	O
30. Specialized software (statistical, programming, CAD, etc.).....	O	O	O	O	O	O

31. On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall satisfaction with the WSU technology?

Very Dissatisfied O (1) O (2) O (3) O (4) O (5) Very Satisfied

SECTION II. GRADUATE SCHOOL (Questions about your contact with the Graduate School)

32. Which of the following did you use **most frequently** to contact the Graduate School Office (**check only one**)?

O In-person (1) O Mail (2) O Phone (3) O Email (4) O Webpage (5) O n/a (6)

33. For what reasons did you contact the Graduate School office in person, mail, phone or email (**check all that apply**)?

- O Did not contact Graduate School (331)
- O Admission (332)
- O Exceptions (333)
- O Plan of Study (334)
- O Degree completion (335)
- O Enrollment (336)
- O Obtain/submit forms (337)
- O Assistanships, awards, grants (338)
- O Financial aid eligibility (339)
- O Other/please specify (330) _____

34. **If** you accessed the Graduate School webpage, for what reasons did you access the webpage (**check all that apply**)?

- O On-line application (341)
- O Downloadable forms (342)
- O Who to contact (343)
- O Regulations (344)
- O Deadlines (345)
- O Program information (346)
- O Health insurance links (347)
- O Financial aid opportunities (348)
- O Graduate School Bulletin (349)
- O Other/please specify (340) _____

35. Did you consult/use the Graduate School Bulletin (hardcopy) O Yes (1) O No (0)

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Agree (1) Disagree (2) N/A(3)

36. The staff in the Graduate School were courteous..... O O O

37. The staff in the Graduate School appeared knowledgeable..... O O O

38. The staff in the Graduate School processed my request in a timely manner..... O O O

39. On a scale of one (least amount of expertise) to five (most amount of expertise), rate the level of expertise, at which you found the Graduate school staff to possess, when helping you through your graduate school career.

Least Expertise O 1 O 2 O 3 O 4 O 5 Most Expertise O 6 N/A

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Agree(1) Disagree (2)

- 40. I knew the purpose of my plan of study..... O O
- 41. I knew the purpose of the application for degree card..... O O
- 42. Graduate School forms for my degree completion were easily accessible..... O O
- 43. I knew the deadlines for degree completion requirements..... O O

Recall when you first made the decision to pursue graduate studies. How important was each of the following reasons in making this decision?

Important (1) Not Important (2)

- 44. A higher degree will open up job opportunities..... O O
- 45. I wanted to pursue a position in my current job that requires a higher degree..... O O
- 46. My employer provided a tuition waiver..... O O
- 47. Scholarships/fellowships/assistanships..... O O
- 48. Location of WSU..... O O
- 49. Reputation of WSU or your department and/or faculty..... O O
- 50. An undergraduate advisor..... O O
- 51. Recommendations from family or friends..... O O
- 52. Advertisements from WSU..... O O

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SECTION III. WSU LIBRARIES

On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall satisfaction with the main WSU library on the following:

- | | Very Dissatisfied | | | | Very Satisfied |
|---|-------------------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 53. Convenient times for access..... | O(1) | O(2) | O(3) | O(4) | O(5) |
| 54. Access to the library via the internet..... | O(1) | O(2) | O(3) | O(4) | O(5) |
| 55. Resources for research..... | O(1) | O(2) | O(3) | O(4) | O(5) |
| 56. Helpfulness of Library faculty/staff..... | O(1) | O(2) | O(3) | O(4) | O(5) |
| 57. Overall satisfaction..... | O(1) | O(2) | O(3) | O(4) | O(5) |

SECTION IV. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please indicate the approximate number of SEMESTERS you have received each type of financial support.

- | | None (0) | 1 -2 (1) | 3-4 (3) | 5-6 (5) | 7 or more (7) |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------------|
| 58. Teaching assistantship..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 59. Research assistantship..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 60. Staff office assistanship..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 61. Fellowship/Scholarship..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 62. Research Grant..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 63. Financial aid.(need-based)..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 64. Personal/family funding..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 65. Off campus employment..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 66. Bank Loans..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 67. Employer tuition waiver..... | O | O | O | O | O |
| 68. Other funding..... | O | O | O | O | O |

69. Of the funding sources listed in questions 58-68 above, which were your primary sources of support during your graduate studies? (list the funding sources next to your preference)

Most important _____ Second most important _____

70. Throughout your graduate education, about how much money did you borrow for education purposes?
- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| O(0) Did not obtain loans | O(5) \$15,000 - \$19,999 | O(10) \$40,000 - \$44,999 |
| O(1) below \$1,000 | O(6) \$20,000 - \$24,999 | O(11) \$45,000 - \$49,999 |
| O(2) \$1,000 - \$4,999 | O(7) \$25,000 - \$29,999 | O(12) \$50,000 or more |
| O(3) \$5,000 - \$9,999 | O(8) \$30,000 - \$34,999 | |
| O(4) \$10,000 - \$14,999 | O(9) \$35,000 - \$39,999 | |

71. During your graduate education at WSU, did you work for an employer off-campus?..... O Yes (1) O No (2)

If you would like to make additional comments please place them on the back of this page.