



**East Carolina University
Graduate Student Exit Survey
2019-2020**

Section A: Demographics

Question Text	Response				
	Full-time		Part-time		Total
	N	%	N	%	
1. What was your enrollment status for the majority of your program?	370	58.7%	260	41.3%	630

Question Text	Response										
	Dissertation		Capstone Project		Master's Thesis		Coursework Only		Other		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
2. What was your scholarly product?	21	3.3%	151	24.0%	85	13.5%	246	39.0%	127	20.2%	630

Section B: Overall Satisfaction

1. Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following:

Question Text	Response											
	Very Dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied		Satisfied		Very Satisfied		Total	Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Your academic experience at ECU	6	1.0%	12	1.9%	32	5.2%	225	36.5%	342	55.4%	617	4.4
Your student life experience at ECU	8	1.3%	15	2.5%	192	31.4%	169	27.7%	227	37.2%	611	4.0
Your overall experience at ECU	5	0.8%	15	2.5%	39	6.4%	234	38.2%	319	52.1%	612	4.4

	Response												Total	Mean
	Very Unprepared		Unprepared		Neither Prepared nor Unprepared		Prepared		Very Prepared		Don't Know			
Question Text	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
2.As a result of your graduate education at ECU, how well prepared are you to practice in your discipline or profession?	1	0.2%	7	1.1%	27	4.4%	280	45.4%	296	48.0%	0	0	617	4.4

Section C: Experiential Preparation Required in Your Degree Program

1. Please rate the relevance of any required experiential preparation to your professional goals.

	Response												Total	Mean
	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		N/A			
Question Text	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Internship	6	1.0%	8	1.3%	40	6.7%	80	13.4%	161	27.1%	300	50.4%	595	4.3
Externship	2	0.4%	5	0.9%	25	4.4%	26	4.6%	51	8.9%	461	80.9%	570	4.1
Practicum	2	0.3%	12	2.1%	30	5.2%	69	12.0%	135	23.6%	325	56.7%	573	4.3
Clinical placement	4	0.7%	6	1.0%	24	4.2%	48	8.4%	116	20.2%	376	65.5%	574	4.3
Volunteer work	1	0.2%	9	1.6%	44	7.8%	45	8.0%	57	10.1%	407	72.3%	563	3.9
Other (specify)	3	0.8%	4	1.1%	9	2.4%	13	3.5%	22	5.9%	319	86.2%	370	3.9

Section D: Resources and Financial Support

1. Please rate the quality of support you were provided during your graduate education and/or thesis/dissertation research in the following areas:

Question Text	Response												Total	Mean
	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		N/A			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Office of Financial Aid	17	2.8%	35	5.8%	133	22.1%	103	17.1%	134	22.3%	180	29.9%	602	3.7
Information technology (IT) resources	9	1.5%	26	4.3%	133	22.0%	156	25.8%	167	27.6%	114	18.8%	605	3.9
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	9	1.5%	26	4.3%	70	11.7%	80	13.4%	108	18.0%	306	51.1%	599	3.9
Library and electronic research resources	2	0.3%	15	2.5%	91	15.0%	200	33.1%	271	44.8%	26	4.3%	605	4.2
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	5	0.8%	11	1.8%	56	9.3%	81	13.4%	114	18.9%	336	55.7%	603	4.1
University Writing Center	7	1.2%	24	4.0%	49	8.1%	80	13.3%	108	17.9%	335	55.6%	603	4.0
Office for Equity and Diversity	3	0.5%	5	0.8%	20	3.3%	36	6.0%	68	11.4%	466	77.9%	598	4.2
Office of International Affairs	1	0.2%	4	0.7%	19	3.2%	30	5.0%	53	8.8%	492	82.1%	599	4.2
Office of the Graduate School	8	1.3%	28	4.6%	104	17.2%	148	24.5%	201	33.3%	114	18.9%	603	4.0
The ECU Career Center	9	1.5%	24	4.0%	62	10.3%	61	10.1%	94	15.6%	351	58.4%	601	3.8
Office for Faculty Excellence	3	0.5%	7	1.2%	25	4.2%	30	5.0%	69	11.5%	466	77.7%	600	4.2
Office of Sponsored Programs	2	0.3%	6	1.0%	19	3.2%	17	2.8%	44	7.4%	510	85.3%	598	4.1
Office of Technology Transfer	2	0.3%	5	0.8%	18	3.0%	18	3.0%	46	7.7%	508	85.1%	597	4.1
Graduate Assistance Funding	10	1.7%	20	3.4%	34	5.7%	43	7.2%	78	13.1%	412	69.0%	597	3.9

Question Text	Response				
	Yes		No		Total
	N	%	N	%	
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	91	15.1%	512	84.9%	603

Question Text	Response								
	Full		Partial		Not Sure Whether Full or Partial		Did not Receive Any Support		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
3. Indicate the overall level of tuition support that you received during your program (partial support is anything less than full tuition for the entire program of study)	162	26.6%	202	33.2%	20	3.3%	224	36.8%	608

4. Please select each source below which was applied to your graduate studies (Select all that apply):

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Assistantship	129	10.1%
Fellowship/Scholarship	135	10.6%
Grant	74	5.8%
Federal Student Loans	314	24.7%
Private Loans	37	2.9%
Personal Funds (Savings)	281	22.1%
Family Funds (Spouse/Parental)	127	10.0%
Employer Tuition Support/Benefit	133	10.5%
Military/Veteran Benefit	24	1.9%
Other	18	1.4%
Total	1272	100%

5. Please indicate the top three sources which have contributed to your total support package.

Question Text	Response						Total
	Largest Amount		Second Largest Amount		Third Largest Amount		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Assistantship	28	24.8%	49	43.4%	36	31.9%	113
Fellowship/Scholarship	20	17.7%	55	48.7%	38	33.6%	113
Grant	9	17.0%	29	54.7%	15	28.3%	53
Federal Student Loans	259	84.6%	40	13.1%	7	2.3%	306
Private Loans	10	34.5%	16	55.2%	3	10.3%	29
Personal Funds (Savings)	97	39.3%	92	37.2%	58	23.5%	247
Family Funds (Spouse/Parental)	41	39.0%	37	35.2%	27	25.7%	105
Employer Tuition Support/Benefit	70	55.6%	40	31.7%	16	12.7%	126
Military/Veteran Benefit	18	81.8%	4	18.2%	0	0.0%	22
Other	7	63.6%	4	36.4%	0	0.0%	11

Question Text	Response						Total
	Yes		No		Don't Know		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
6. Upon completing your graduate education, will you be personally responsible for repaying any loans used to finance your graduate education?	394	65.8%	189	31.6%	16	2.7%	599

7. Below please select the dollar range category which best estimates the total dollar amount borrowed for your graduate education, which you are personally responsible for repaying after completing your graduate education.

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
\$ 1 - \$ 9,999	60	10.1%
\$ 10,000 - \$ 19,999	64	10.7%
\$ 20,000 - \$ 29,999	64	10.7%
\$ 30,000 - \$ 39,999	38	6.4%
\$ 40,000 - \$ 49,999	60	10.1%
\$ 50,000 - \$ 59,000	18	3.0%
\$ 60,000 - \$ 69,999	14	2.3%
\$ 70,000 or More	51	8.5%
Don't Know	14	2.3%
Did not borrow	214	35.8%
Total	597	100%

Section E: Post-Graduation Plans

1. Which of the following best describes your post-graduate plans for the next year?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Returning to, or continuing in, employment obtained before graduate school	214	35.7%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	6	1.0%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	6	1.0%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	90	15.0%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	34	5.7%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	176	29.4%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	29	4.8%
Other, (please specify)	24	4.0%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	2	0.3%
I don't know yet	18	3.0%
Total	599	100%

2. Which one type of employer listed below best describes the employer you will be working with in the next year?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Not for profit organization	85	14.5%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	168	28.7%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	35	6.0%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	18	3.1%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	8	1.4%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	22	3.8%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	103	17.6%
Education: Foreign educational institution	1	0.2%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	25	4.3%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	29	4.9%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	18	3.1%
Self-employed	10	1.7%
Other, (specify)	63	10.8%
Total	586	100%

3. Where is the organization with which you will be working or the institution you will be attending after graduation?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
In North Carolina	424	72.2%
Not in North Carolina but elsewhere in the United States (specify)	82	14.0%
Outside of the United States	2	0.3%
Don't Know	79	13.5%
Total	587	100%

4. How closely is your post-graduate employment, if any, related to your graduate field of study at ECU?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Directly Related	400	67.5%
Somewhat Related	102	17.2%
Not Related	9	1.5%
Don't Know	16	2.7%
I have no post-graduate employment	66	11.1%
Total	593	100%

5. Which reason below best explains why you took post-graduate employment that was not related to your graduate field of study?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
I could not find positions to apply for in my graduate field of study	0	0.0%
I was not offered any positions related to my graduate field of study	3	33.3%
I could not find positions related to my graduate field of study which paid enough	2	22.2%
My career goals have changed	2	22.2%
Other (specify)	2	22.2%
Total	9	100%

Section F: Research

1. Please rate your overall satisfaction with each of the following:

Question Text	Response												Total	Mean
	Very Dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied		Satisfied		Very Satisfied		N/A			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Opportunities for conducting research	3	0.5%	14	2.4%	61	10.3%	201	34.1%	173	29.3%	138	23.4%	590	4.2
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research - thesis/dissertation	3	0.5%	11	1.9%	56	9.5%	148	25.2%	110	18.7%	259	44.1%	587	4.1
Research ethics training and understanding	2	0.3%	11	1.9%	49	8.3%	201	34.2%	189	32.2%	135	23.0%	587	4.2
Opportunities for creative expression	3	0.5%	12	2.0%	79	13.4%	205	34.9%	182	31.0%	107	18.2%	588	4.1
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	8	1.4%	28	4.8%	79	13.5%	190	32.4%	120	20.5%	161	27.5%	586	3.9
Support to develop intellectual property	8	1.4%	16	2.7%	66	11.3%	166	28.5%	126	21.6%	201	34.5%	583	4.0
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	0	0.0%	7	1.2%	31	5.3%	77	13.1%	101	17.2%	371	63.2%	587	4.3

Section G: Faculty Contribution

1. Please evaluate how well faculty members in your graduate program do each of the following:

Question Text	Response										Total	Mean
	Poor		Fair		Good		Excellent					
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%				
Set high expectations for you to learn	4	0.7%	26	4.4%	143	24.4%	414	70.5%			587	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	13	2.2%	46	7.8%	153	25.9%	378	64.1%			590	3.5
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	4	0.7%	31	5.3%	136	23.1%	417	70.9%			588	3.6
Encourage student-faculty interaction	11	1.9%	48	8.2%	146	24.9%	382	65.1%			587	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	12	2.0%	61	10.4%	190	32.3%	325	55.3%			588	3.4
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	3	0.5%	28	4.8%	152	25.8%	406	68.9%			589	3.6
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	9	1.5%	33	5.6%	164	27.8%	383	65.0%			589	3.6
Care about your academic success and welfare	7	1.2%	40	6.8%	138	23.5%	403	68.5%			588	3.6
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	5	0.9%	35	6.0%	165	28.1%	382	65.1%			587	3.6

Section H: Academic Advising

1. During your time in this program, how would you evaluate each of the following:

Question Text	Response										Total	Mean
	Poor		Fair		Good		Excellent		Don't Know /Did Not Use			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Access to program advisor	16	2.7%	37	6.3%	122	20.9%	382	65.4%	27	4.6%	584	3.6
Responsiveness of advisor	17	2.9%	29	5.0%	132	22.6%	380	65.0%	27	4.6%	585	3.6
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	17	2.9%	31	5.3%	139	23.8%	379	64.9%	18	3.1%	584	3.6
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	8	1.4%	34	5.8%	156	26.7%	347	59.3%	40	6.8%	585	3.5
Academic advising services overall	15	2.6%	40	6.8%	149	25.5%	354	60.5%	27	4.6%	585	3.5

Section I: Knowledge, Skills, and Growth

1. To what extent do you think your graduate education contributed in each of the following areas?

Question Text	Response											Total	Mean
	Not at All		Very Little		Somewhat		Very Much		Don't Know				
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%			
Knowledge in your program	0	0.0%	8	1.4%	110	18.8%	465	79.6%	1	0.2%	584	3.8	
Problem solving skills	3	0.5%	21	3.6%	157	26.9%	403	69.0%	0	0.0%	584	3.6	
Technical skills	5	0.9%	37	6.3%	185	31.7%	353	60.4%	4	0.7%	584	3.5	
Communication skills	5	0.9%	26	4.5%	152	26.1%	400	68.6%	0	0.0%	583	3.6	
Personal development	2	0.3%	21	3.6%	121	20.8%	439	75.3%	0	0.0%	583	3.7	
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	6	1.0%	32	5.5%	150	25.8%	391	67.2%	3	0.5%	582	3.6	

Section J: Instruction in Your Program/Library Services

1. Please examine each mode of instructional delivery that is used in your graduate program.

Question Text	Response											Total	Mean
	Poor		Fair		Good		Excellent		Don't Know /Did Not Use				
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%			
Face-to-face instruction	5	0.9%	18	3.1%	101	17.4%	230	39.7%	226	39.0%	580	3.6	
Web-based instruction and activities	8	1.4%	57	9.8%	214	36.8%	284	48.9%	18	3.1%	581	3.4	
Web-based course materials	7	1.2%	50	8.6%	230	39.7%	278	48.0%	14	2.4%	579	3.4	
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	6	1.0%	30	5.2%	198	34.1%	343	59.1%	3	0.5%	580	3.5	
Two-way interactive (live) video	12	2.1%	43	7.4%	181	31.3%	208	35.9%	135	23.3%	579	3.3	
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	6	1.0%	36	6.2%	192	33.2%	340	58.8%	4	0.7%	578	3.5	

Question Text	Response				Total
	Yes		No		
	N	%	N	%	
7. Did you consider the availability of an on-line or off-campus program to be important for you to obtain your graduate degree at ECU?	461	79.8%	117	20.2%	578

8. With regard to courses in your program, which of the following statements is most accurate?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
All of my courses were taught face-to-face	66	11.4%
Most of my courses were taught face-to-face	106	18.2%
Some courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	81	13.9%
Most of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	44	7.6%
All of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	284	48.9%
Total	581	100%

9. Which library have you used the most?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Joyner Library	341	58.8%
Laupus Library	173	29.8%
Music Library	6	1.0%
Did not use these libraries	60	10.3%
Total	580	100%

10. During your graduate degree program, how satisfied have you been with the following?

Question Text	Response												Total	Mean
	Very Dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied		Satisfied		Very Satisfied		Don't Know/ Not Applicable			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Effectiveness of online library resources for your learning experience	1	0.2%	4	0.7%	16	2.8%	157	27.1%	376	64.8%	26	4.5%	580	4.6
Effectiveness of print library resources for your learning experience	1	0.2%	2	0.3%	20	3.5%	120	20.7%	200	34.5%	236	40.8%	579	4.5
Library space for individual student work	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	17	2.9%	111	19.1%	173	29.8%	278	47.9%	580	4.5
Library space for group work	0	0.0%	3	0.5%	17	2.9%	108	18.7%	157	27.1%	294	50.8%	579	4.5
Training/instruction for using library resources	2	0.3%	6	1.0%	48	8.3%	132	22.8%	200	34.5%	192	33.1%	580	4.3

Section K: Student Affairs Programs

1. Please indicate the extent of your agreement or disagreement with the statements below:

Question Text	Response												Total	Mean
	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		N/A			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
I feel there are sufficient programs to engage students outside the classroom	4	0.7%	18	3.1%	58	10.0%	155	26.7%	158	27.2%	188	32.4%	581	4.1
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development	7	1.2%	16	2.8%	52	9.0%	83	14.3%	103	17.8%	319	55.0%	580	4.0
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services	5	0.9%	20	3.4%	61	10.5%	99	17.0%	140	24.1%	256	44.1%	581	4.1