



**East Carolina University
Graduate Student Exit Survey
2020-2021**

Section A: Demographics

Question Text	Response					Total
	Full-time		Part-time			
	N	%	N	%		
1. What was your enrollment status for the majority of your program?	299	57.3%	223	42.7%		522

Question Text	Response										Total	
	Dissertation		Capstone Project		Master's Thesis		Coursework Only		Other			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
2. What was your scholarly product?	44	8.4%	124	23.8%	70	13.4%	191	36.6%	93	17.8%		522

Section B: Overall Satisfaction

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

Question Text	Response												Total	Mean
	Very Dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied		Satisfied		Very Satisfied					
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%				
Your academic experience at ECU	10	2.0%	19	3.7%	16	3.1%	200	39.1%	267	52.1%		512	4.4	
Your student life experience at ECU	7	1.4%	10	2.0%	195	38.2%	147	28.8%	151	29.6%		510	3.8	
Your overall experience at ECU	10	2.0%	13	2.5%	30	5.9%	205	40.2%	252	49.4%		510	4.3	

	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?	2	0.4%	10	1.9%	17	3.3%	231	45.0%	248	48.3%	0	0	513	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	2	0.4%	3	0.6%	28	5.7%	51	10.4%	115	23.4%	292	59.5%	491	4.4
Externship	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	14	3.0%	20	4.2%	38	8.1%	398	84.3%	472	4.2
Practicum	2	0.4%	7	1.4%	30	6.2%	59	12.1%	95	19.5%	293	60.3%	486	4.2
Clinical placement	2	0.4%	4	0.8%	21	4.3%	40	8.2%	76	15.6%	343	70.6%	486	4.3
Volunteer work	2	0.4%	11	2.3%	21	4.4%	26	5.5%	32	6.7%	385	80.7%	477	3.8
Other (specify)	5	1.6%	2	0.6%	4	1.3%	8	2.6%	17	5.5%	274	88.4%	310	3.8

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	14	2.8%	31	6.2%	95	18.8%	78	15.5%	100	19.8%	186	36.9%	504	3.7
Information technology (IT) resources	2	0.4%	15	3.0%	122	24.2%	114	22.6%	126	25.0%	126	25.0%	505	3.9
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	6	1.2%	18	3.6%	62	12.3%	56	11.1%	79	15.6%	284	56.2%	505	3.8
Library and electronic research resources	2	0.4%	10	2.0%	73	14.4%	160	31.6%	224	44.3%	37	7.3%	506	4.3
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	4	0.8%	10	2.0%	37	7.4%	64	12.7%	79	15.7%	308	61.4%	502	4.1
University Writing Center	3	0.6%	10	2.0%	58	11.5%	52	10.3%	85	16.9%	295	58.6%	503	4.0
Office for Equity and Diversity	3	0.6%	4	0.8%	31	6.2%	30	6.0%	51	10.2%	380	76.2%	499	4.0
Office of International Affairs	0	0.0%	2	0.4%	19	3.8%	22	4.4%	36	7.2%	422	84.2%	501	4.2
Office of the Graduate School	6	1.2%	17	3.4%	92	18.3%	107	21.3%	162	32.3%	118	23.5%	502	4.0
The ECU Career Center	7	1.4%	10	2.0%	59	11.8%	51	10.2%	76	15.1%	299	59.6%	502	3.9
Office for Faculty Excellence	1	0.2%	3	0.6%	28	5.6%	27	5.4%	49	9.8%	391	78.4%	499	4.1
Office of Sponsored Programs	0	0.0%	3	0.6%	21	4.2%	15	3.0%	33	6.6%	426	85.5%	498	4.1
Office of Technology Transfer	1	0.2%	3	0.6%	20	4.0%	15	3.0%	31	6.2%	427	85.9%	497	4.0
Graduate Assistance Funding	14	2.8%	13	2.6%	39	7.8%	37	7.4%	60	12.0%	336	67.3%	499	3.7

Question Text	Response				
	Yes		No		Total
	N	%	N	%	
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	80	15.9%	424	84.1%	504

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)	116	22.9%	177	34.9%	14	2.8%	200	39.4%	507

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

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Assistantship	112	10.5%
Fellowship/Scholarship	114	10.7%
Grant	83	7.8%
Federal Student Loans	215	20.1%
Private Loans	32	3.0%
Personal Funds (Savings)	256	24.0%
Family Funds (Spouse/Parental)	111	10.4%
Employer Tuition Support/Benefit	100	9.4%
Military/Veteran Benefit	21	2.0%
Other	23	2.2%
Total	1067	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	36	35.3%	45	44.1%	21	20.6%	102
Fellowship/Scholarship	32	33.0%	39	40.2%	26	26.8%	97
Grant	8	14.0%	29	50.9%	20	35.1%	57
Federal Student Loans	179	85.2%	18	8.6%	13	6.2%	210
Private Loans	8	28.6%	15	53.6%	5	17.9%	28
Personal Funds (Savings)	87	38.7%	86	38.2%	52	23.1%	225
Family Funds (Spouse/Parental)	42	43.8%	38	39.6%	16	16.7%	96
Employer Tuition Support/Benefit	55	59.1%	27	29.0%	11	11.8%	93
Military/Veteran Benefit	16	76.2%	4	19.0%	1	4.8%	21
Other	11	73.3%	2	13.3%	2	13.3%	15

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?	280	56.0%	213	42.6%	7	1.4%	500

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	31	6.2%
\$ 10,000 - \$ 19,999	59	11.8%
\$ 20,000 - \$ 29,999	45	9.0%
\$ 30,000 - \$ 39,999	39	7.8%
\$ 40,000 - \$ 49,999	30	6.0%
\$ 50,000 - \$ 59,000	8	1.6%
\$ 60,000 - \$ 69,999	15	3.0%
\$ 70,000 or More	19	3.8%
Don't Know	19	3.8%
Did not borrow	235	47.0%
Total	500	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	183	36.6%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	12	2.4%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	9	1.8%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	86	17.2%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	24	4.8%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	132	26.4%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	17	3.4%
Other, (please specify)	23	4.6%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	2	0.4%
I don't know yet	12	2.4%
Total	500	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	75	15.5%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	138	28.5%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	45	9.3%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	7	1.4%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	12	2.5%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	25	5.2%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	81	16.7%
Education: Foreign educational institution	2	0.4%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	20	4.1%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	12	2.5%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	16	3.3%
Self-employed	9	1.9%
Other, (specify)	43	8.9%
Total	485	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	353	72.2%
Not in North Carolina but elsewhere in the United States (specify)	73	14.9%
Outside of the United States	5	1.0%
Don't Know	58	11.9%
Total	489	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	315	64.4%
Somewhat Related	104	21.3%
Not Related	14	2.9%
Don't Know	17	3.5%
I have no post-graduate employment	39	8.0%
Total	489	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	1	7.1%
I was not offered any positions related to my graduate field of study	4	28.6%
I could not find positions related to my graduate field of study which paid enough	0	0.0%
My career goals have changed	4	28.6%
Other (specify)	5	35.7%
Total	14	100%

Section F: Research

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

Question Text	Response													
	Very Dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied		Satisfied		Very Satisfied		N/A		Total	Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Opportunities for conducting research	3	0.6%	12	2.5%	44	9.0%	167	34.2%	125	25.6%	138	28.2%	489	4.1
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research - thesis/dissertation	5	1.0%	9	1.8%	57	11.7%	95	19.5%	99	20.3%	223	45.7%	488	4.0
Research ethics training and understanding	6	1.2%	7	1.4%	40	8.2%	179	36.7%	148	30.3%	108	22.1%	488	4.2
Opportunities for creative expression	6	1.2%	17	3.5%	57	11.7%	164	33.5%	152	31.1%	93	19.0%	489	4.1
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	10	2.0%	17	3.5%	74	15.2%	141	28.9%	104	21.3%	142	29.1%	488	3.9
Support to develop intellectual property	7	1.4%	14	2.9%	61	12.5%	134	27.5%	100	20.5%	172	35.2%	488	4.0
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	5	1.0%	5	1.0%	39	8.0%	77	15.8%	84	17.2%	277	56.9%	487	4.1

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	7	1.4%	21	4.3%	126	25.7%	337	68.6%			491	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	10	2.0%	30	6.1%	144	29.3%	307	62.5%			491	3.5
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	4	0.8%	22	4.5%	123	25.1%	341	69.6%			490	3.6
Encourage student-faculty interaction	11	2.2%	32	6.5%	136	27.7%	312	63.5%			491	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	16	3.3%	45	9.2%	149	30.4%	280	57.1%			490	3.4
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	5	1.0%	14	2.9%	147	29.9%	325	66.2%			491	3.6
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	8	1.6%	24	4.9%	144	29.4%	313	64.0%			489	3.6
Care about your academic success and welfare	15	3.1%	23	4.7%	132	27.0%	319	65.2%			489	3.5
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	7	1.4%	25	5.1%	147	30.1%	310	63.4%			489	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	7	1.4%	25	5.1%	95	19.5%	333	68.2%	28	5.7%	488	3.6		
Responsiveness of advisor	11	2.3%	24	4.9%	96	19.7%	330	67.6%	27	5.5%	488	3.6		
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	10	2.0%	40	8.2%	106	21.7%	317	65.0%	15	3.1%	488	3.5		
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	8	1.6%	27	5.5%	132	27.1%	296	60.8%	24	4.9%	487	3.5		
Academic advising services overall	11	2.2%	31	6.3%	106	21.7%	310	63.4%	31	6.3%	489	3.6		

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%	11	2.2%	72	14.7%	405	82.8%	1	0.2%	489	3.8	
Problem solving skills	4	0.8%	14	2.9%	136	27.9%	331	67.8%	3	0.6%	488	3.6	
Technical skills	5	1.0%	28	5.7%	149	30.6%	302	62.0%	3	0.6%	487	3.5	
Communication skills	3	0.6%	20	4.1%	123	25.3%	339	69.8%	1	0.2%	486	3.6	
Personal development	7	1.4%	20	4.1%	97	19.8%	364	74.4%	1	0.2%	489	3.7	
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	11	2.3%	34	7.0%	128	26.3%	310	63.7%	4	0.8%	487	3.5	

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	3	0.6%	9	1.9%	84	17.4%	153	31.6%	235	48.6%	484	3.6	
Web-based instruction and activities	14	2.9%	51	10.5%	169	34.8%	240	49.5%	11	2.3%	485	3.3	
Web-based course materials	13	2.7%	47	9.8%	182	37.8%	236	49.0%	4	0.8%	482	3.3	
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	6	1.2%	34	7.0%	151	31.2%	291	60.1%	2	0.4%	484	3.5	
Two-way interactive (live) video	7	1.4%	40	8.2%	162	33.4%	203	41.9%	73	15.1%	485	3.4	
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	6	1.2%	25	5.2%	178	36.7%	275	56.7%	1	0.2%	485	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?	368	75.9%	117	24.1%	485

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	33	6.8%
Most of my courses were taught face-to-face	67	13.8%
Some courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	83	17.0%
Most of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	58	11.9%
All of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	246	50.5%
Total	487	100%

9. Which library have you used the most?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Joyner Library	302	62.1%
Laupus Library	123	25.3%
Music Library	2	0.4%
Did not use these libraries	59	12.1%
Total	486	100%

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

Question Text	Response													
	Very Dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied		Satisfied		Very Satisfied		Don't Know/ Not Applicable		Total	Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Effectiveness of online library resources for your learning experience	2	0.4%	4	0.8%	14	2.9%	134	27.7%	301	62.2%	29	6.0%	484	4.6
Effectiveness of print library resources for your learning experience	2	0.4%	1	0.2%	14	2.9%	87	18.1%	142	29.5%	235	48.9%	481	4.5
Library space for individual student work	0	0.0%	4	0.8%	12	2.5%	78	16.1%	124	25.7%	265	54.9%	483	4.5
Library space for group work	0	0.0%	4	0.8%	15	3.1%	65	13.5%	118	24.6%	278	57.9%	480	4.5
Training/instruction for using library resources	3	0.6%	3	0.6%	37	7.7%	117	24.3%	147	30.5%	175	36.3%	482	4.3

Section K: Student Affairs Programs

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

Question Text	Response													
	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neither Agree nor Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree		N/A		Total	Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
I feel there are sufficient programs to engage students outside the classroom	4	0.8%	8	1.7%	48	9.9%	126	26.1%	119	24.6%	178	36.9%	483	4.1
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development	7	1.5%	11	2.3%	38	7.9%	64	13.3%	72	15.0%	289	60.1%	481	4.0
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services	8	1.7%	12	2.5%	40	8.3%	77	16.0%	93	19.3%	251	52.2%	481	4.0