



**East Carolina University  
Graduate Student Exit Survey  
2021-2022**

**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?	412	61.9%	254	38.1%	666

Question Text	Response										
	Dissertation		Capstone Project		Master's Thesis		Coursework Only		Other		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
2. What was your scholarly product?	36	5.4%	204	30.6%	91	13.7%	203	30.5%	132	19.8%	666

**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	5	0.8%	13	2.0%	20	3.0%	276	41.9%	345	52.4%	659	4.4
Your student life experience at ECU	4	0.6%	17	2.6%	218	33.1%	203	30.9%	216	32.8%	658	3.9
Your overall experience at ECU	5	0.8%	6	0.9%	39	5.9%	291	44.2%	318	48.3%	659	4.4

Question Text	Response												Total	Mean
	Very Unprepared		Unprepared		Neither Prepared nor Unprepared		Prepared		Very Prepared		Don't Know			
	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?	3	0.5%	4	0.6%	26	3.9%	308	46.7%	312	47.3%	0	0	659	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.

Question Text	Response												Total	Mean
	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		N/A			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Internship	3	0.5%	10	1.6%	41	6.4%	79	12.3%	147	23.0%	360	56.3%	640	4.3
Externship	3	0.5%	7	1.1%	15	2.4%	42	6.7%	53	8.4%	509	80.9%	629	4.1
Practicum	4	0.6%	13	2.1%	40	6.3%	87	13.8%	131	20.7%	357	56.5%	632	4.2
Clinical placement	4	0.6%	11	1.7%	39	6.2%	48	7.6%	107	16.9%	424	67.0%	633	4.2
Volunteer work	4	0.6%	8	1.3%	35	5.6%	44	7.1%	50	8.0%	482	77.4%	623	3.9
Other (specify)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.5%	7	1.7%	28	6.9%	371	90.9%	408	4.7

**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	10	1.6%	40	6.2%	116	18.0%	126	19.5%	153	23.7%	200	31.0%	645	3.8
Information technology (IT) resources	6	0.9%	28	4.3%	130	20.2%	157	24.4%	181	28.1%	142	22.0%	644	4.0
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	6	0.9%	29	4.5%	85	13.2%	90	13.9%	119	18.4%	317	49.1%	646	3.9
Library and electronic research resources	0	0.0%	12	1.9%	106	16.5%	181	28.1%	295	45.8%	50	7.8%	644	4.3
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	7	1.1%	10	1.6%	54	8.4%	75	11.6%	123	19.1%	375	58.2%	644	4.1
University Writing Center	9	1.4%	16	2.5%	55	8.6%	71	11.1%	117	18.2%	374	58.3%	642	4.0
Office for Equity and Diversity	1	0.2%	10	1.6%	38	5.9%	43	6.7%	78	12.1%	473	73.6%	643	4.1
Office of Global Affairs	2	0.3%	3	0.5%	29	4.5%	29	4.5%	66	10.3%	513	79.9%	642	4.2
Graduate School	8	1.2%	18	2.8%	124	19.3%	168	26.1%	273	42.5%	52	8.1%	643	4.2
Career Services	9	1.4%	18	2.8%	53	8.3%	70	10.9%	98	15.3%	394	61.4%	642	3.9
Office for Faculty Excellence	1	0.2%	6	0.9%	35	5.5%	45	7.0%	72	11.2%	483	75.2%	642	4.1
Office of Research Administration	3	0.5%	2	0.3%	36	5.6%	38	5.9%	59	9.2%	505	78.5%	643	4.1
Office of Innovation and New Ventures	1	0.2%	2	0.3%	25	3.9%	27	4.2%	48	7.5%	538	83.9%	641	4.2
Graduate Assistant funding	11	1.7%	23	3.6%	41	6.4%	49	7.6%	94	14.7%	423	66.0%	641	3.9

Question Text	Response				
	Yes		No		Total
	N	%	N	%	
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	100	15.5%	546	84.5%	646

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)	158	24.5%	230	35.6%	30	4.6%	228	35.3%	646

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

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Assistantship	126	9.5%
Fellowship/Scholarship	117	8.8%
Grant	127	9.5%
Federal Student Loans	309	23.2%
Private Loans	34	2.6%
Personal Funds (Savings)	315	23.6%
Family Funds (Spouse/Parental)	129	9.7%
Employer Tuition Support/Benefit	108	8.1%
Military/Veteran Benefit	36	2.7%
Other	31	2.3%
Total	1332	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	32	28.3%	60	53.1%	21	18.6%	113
Fellowship/Scholarship	30	28.8%	39	37.5%	35	33.7%	104
Grant	18	17.3%	46	44.2%	40	38.5%	104
Federal student loans	245	81.9%	38	12.7%	16	5.4%	299
Private loans	13	50.0%	10	38.5%	3	11.5%	26
Personal funds (savings)	100	35.6%	121	43.1%	60	21.4%	281
Family funds (spouse/parental)	55	51.9%	37	34.9%	14	13.2%	106
Employer tuition support/benefit	58	58.6%	25	25.3%	16	16.2%	99
Military/veteran benefit	24	70.6%	8	23.5%	2	5.9%	34
Other	15	55.6%	12	44.4%	0	0.0%	27

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?	379	59.9%	234	37.0%	20	3.2%	633

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	59	9.3%
\$ 10,000 - \$ 19,999	68	10.7%
\$ 20,000 - \$ 29,999	76	12.0%
\$ 30,000 - \$ 39,999	42	6.6%
\$ 40,000 - \$ 49,999	48	7.6%
\$ 50,000 - \$ 59,000	26	4.1%
\$ 60,000 - \$ 69,999	19	3.0%
\$ 70,000 or More	23	3.6%
Don't Know	21	3.3%
Did not borrow	252	39.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 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	239	37.5%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	6	0.9%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	9	1.4%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	137	21.5%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	36	5.6%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	147	23.0%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	27	4.2%
Other, (please specify)	20	3.1%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	4	0.6%
I don't know yet	13	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	95	15.2%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	206	33.1%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	46	7.4%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	12	1.9%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	10	1.6%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	25	4.0%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	97	15.6%
Education: Foreign educational institution	1	0.2%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	25	4.0%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	15	2.4%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	25	4.0%
Self-employed	9	1.4%
Other, (specify)	54	8.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	442	71.2%
Not in North Carolina but elsewhere in the United States (specify)	103	16.6%
Outside of the United States	8	1.3%
Don't Know	68	11.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	417	66.4%
Somewhat Related	124	19.7%
Not Related	22	3.5%
Don't Know	20	3.2%
I have no post-graduate employment	45	7.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	4	18.2%
I was not offered any positions related to my graduate field of study	4	18.2%
I could not find positions related to my graduate field of study which paid enough	6	27.3%
My career goals have changed	1	4.5%
Other (specify)	7	31.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100%</b>



**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	6	1.0%	6	1.0%	67	10.7%	213	33.9%	168	26.8%	168	26.8%	628	4.2
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research thesis/dissertation	4	0.6%	12	1.9%	68	10.8%	143	22.8%	124	19.7%	277	44.1%	628	4.1
Research ethics training and understanding	3	0.5%	8	1.3%	59	9.4%	222	35.4%	180	28.7%	155	24.7%	627	4.2
Opportunities for creative expression	9	1.4%	12	1.9%	69	11.0%	219	35.0%	178	28.4%	139	22.2%	626	4.1
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	10	1.6%	18	2.9%	77	12.3%	190	30.3%	125	19.9%	207	33.0%	627	4.0
Support to develop intellectual property	9	1.4%	14	2.2%	67	10.7%	169	26.9%	131	20.9%	238	37.9%	628	4.0
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	6	1.0%	5	0.8%	46	7.3%	87	13.9%	124	19.7%	360	57.3%	628	4.2

### 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	5	0.8%	31	4.9%	181	28.9%	410	65.4%			627	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	16	2.6%	48	7.7%	190	30.4%	372	59.4%			626	3.5
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	6	1.0%	27	4.3%	178	28.3%	417	66.4%			628	3.6
Encourage student-faculty interaction	18	2.9%	46	7.3%	182	29.0%	382	60.8%			628	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	14	2.2%	57	9.1%	226	36.0%	330	52.6%			627	3.4
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	4	0.6%	30	4.8%	192	30.6%	401	64.0%			627	3.6
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	8	1.3%	40	6.4%	196	31.3%	383	61.1%			627	3.5
Care about your academic success and welfare	18	2.9%	32	5.1%	180	28.7%	397	63.3%			627	3.5
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	6	1.0%	33	5.3%	203	32.4%	384	61.3%			626	3.5

### 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	2.6%	37	5.9%	148	23.7%	392	62.8%	31	5.0%	624	3.5
Responsiveness of advisor	14	2.2%	39	6.2%	151	24.2%	397	63.5%	24	3.8%	625	3.5
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	16	2.6%	41	6.6%	162	25.9%	391	62.6%	15	2.4%	625	3.5
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	15	2.4%	35	5.6%	177	28.3%	366	58.6%	32	5.1%	625	3.5
Academic advising services overall	16	2.6%	51	8.2%	156	25.0%	368	59.0%	33	5.3%	624	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	2	0.3%	9	1.4%	108	17.3%	504	80.8%	1	0.2%	624	3.8	
Problem solving skills	4	0.6%	34	5.4%	170	27.2%	415	66.5%	1	0.2%	624	3.6	
Technical skills	8	1.3%	27	4.3%	208	33.4%	376	60.4%	4	0.6%	623	3.5	
Communication skills	7	1.1%	29	4.7%	159	25.6%	424	68.3%	2	0.3%	621	3.6	
Personal development	7	1.1%	24	3.8%	131	21.0%	459	73.6%	3	0.5%	624	3.7	
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	15	2.4%	35	5.6%	155	24.9%	412	66.1%	6	1.0%	623	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	7	1.1%	16	2.6%	98	15.9%	210	34.0%	286	46.4%	617	3.5	
Web-based instruction and activities	13	2.1%	55	8.9%	243	39.3%	299	48.4%	8	1.3%	618	3.4	
Web-based course materials	18	2.9%	46	7.5%	241	39.1%	306	49.7%	5	0.8%	616	3.4	
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	7	1.1%	30	4.9%	219	35.4%	361	58.4%	1	0.2%	618	3.5	
Two-way interactive (live) video	12	1.9%	47	7.6%	223	36.1%	278	45.1%	57	9.2%	617	3.4	
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	10	1.6%	33	5.3%	227	36.8%	346	56.1%	1	0.2%	617	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?	466	75.4%	152	24.6%	618

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	11	1.8%
Most of my courses were taught face-to-face	77	12.5%
Some courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	128	20.7%
Most of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	90	14.6%
All of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	312	50.5%
Total	618	100%

9. Which library have you used the most?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Joyner Library	348	56.3%
Laupus Library	163	26.4%
Music Library	7	1.1%
Did not use these libraries	100	16.2%
Total	618	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	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	19	3.1%	196	31.8%	360	58.3%	41	6.6%	617	4.6
Effectiveness of print library resources for your learning experience	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	28	4.5%	106	17.2%	192	31.2%	288	46.8%	616	4.5
Library space for individual student work	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	22	3.6%	94	15.2%	181	29.3%	319	51.7%	617	4.5
Library space for group work	0	0.0%	3	0.5%	17	2.8%	101	16.4%	154	25.0%	342	55.4%	617	4.5
Training/instruction for using library resources	0	0.0%	5	0.8%	48	7.8%	161	26.2%	193	31.4%	208	33.8%	615	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	7	1.1%	11	1.8%	62	10.1%	177	28.8%	161	26.2%	197	32.0%	615	4.1
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development	8	1.3%	14	2.3%	65	10.6%	93	15.1%	106	17.2%	330	53.6%	616	4.0
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services	10	1.6%	8	1.3%	68	11.0%	115	18.7%	129	20.9%	286	46.4%	616	4.0