



**East Carolina University
Graduate Student Exit Survey
2022-2023**

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?	381	62.2%	232	37.8%	613

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	5.9%	204	33.3%	59	9.6%	203	33.1%	111	18.1%	613

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%	13	2.2%	16	2.7%	220	36.7%	345	57.5%	600	4.5
Your student life experience at ECU	7	1.2%	21	3.5%	179	29.9%	177	29.6%	214	35.8%	598	4.0
Your overall experience at ECU	6	1.0%	10	1.7%	29	4.8%	242	40.5%	311	52.0%	598	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?	2	0.3%	10	1.7%	23	3.8%	265	44.2%	297	49.6%	0	0	599	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	6	1.0%	4	0.7%	37	6.5%	60	10.5%	142	24.8%	324	56.5%	573	4.3
Externship	2	0.4%	5	0.9%	25	4.5%	26	4.7%	56	10.0%	444	79.6%	558	4.1
Practicum	5	0.9%	11	1.9%	41	7.2%	68	11.9%	116	20.4%	329	57.7%	570	4.2
Clinical placement	4	0.7%	10	1.8%	28	4.9%	43	7.5%	103	18.1%	382	67.0%	570	4.2
Volunteer work	3	0.5%	9	1.6%	42	7.5%	34	6.0%	55	9.8%	419	74.6%	562	3.9
Other (specify)	1	0.3%	2	0.6%	4	1.1%	11	3.0%	15	4.2%	328	90.9%	361	4.1

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	15	2.6%	43	7.4%	94	16.2%	97	16.7%	140	24.1%	191	32.9%	580	3.8
Information technology (IT) resources	9	1.6%	18	3.1%	122	21.1%	133	23.0%	155	26.8%	142	24.5%	579	3.9
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	11	1.9%	17	2.9%	69	11.9%	81	14.0%	108	18.7%	293	50.6%	579	3.9
Library and electronic research resources	4	0.7%	11	1.9%	82	14.1%	169	29.1%	262	45.2%	52	9.0%	580	4.3
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	5	0.9%	9	1.6%	54	9.3%	64	11.1%	105	18.1%	342	59.1%	579	4.1
University Writing Center	6	1.0%	12	2.1%	56	9.7%	61	10.5%	98	16.9%	347	59.8%	580	4.0
Office for Equity and Diversity	3	0.5%	4	0.7%	35	6.1%	34	5.9%	66	11.5%	434	75.3%	576	4.1
Office of Global Affairs	2	0.3%	2	0.3%	28	4.9%	27	4.7%	50	8.7%	463	80.9%	572	4.1
Graduate School	11	1.9%	20	3.4%	102	17.5%	151	25.9%	249	42.6%	51	8.7%	584	4.1
Career Services	9	1.6%	13	2.3%	60	10.4%	63	10.9%	78	13.5%	353	61.3%	576	3.8
Office for Faculty Excellence	4	0.7%	2	0.3%	31	5.4%	33	5.7%	65	11.3%	440	76.5%	575	4.1
Office of Research Administration	3	0.5%	5	0.9%	29	5.0%	31	5.4%	56	9.7%	451	78.4%	575	4.1
Office of Innovation and New Ventures	3	0.5%	4	0.7%	18	3.1%	23	4.0%	43	7.5%	484	84.2%	575	4.1
Graduate Assistant funding	12	2.1%	19	3.3%	48	8.3%	41	7.1%	76	13.2%	379	65.9%	575	3.8

Question Text	Response				
	Yes		No		Total
	N	%	N	%	
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	91	15.7%	490	84.3%	581

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)	145	24.8%	197	33.7%	25	4.3%	217	37.2%	584

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

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Assistantship	130	11.0%
Fellowship/Scholarship	95	8.0%
Grant	104	8.8%
Federal Student Loans	274	23.1%
Private Loans	23	1.9%
Personal Funds (Savings)	284	24.0%
Family Funds (Spouse/Parental)	117	9.9%
Employer Tuition Support/Benefit	113	9.5%
Military/Veteran Benefit	26	2.2%
Other	19	1.6%
Total	1185	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	45	39.1%	50	43.5%	20	17.4%	115
Fellowship/Scholarship	18	23.1%	34	43.6%	26	33.3%	78
Grant	16	20.0%	41	51.3%	23	28.8%	80
Federal student loans	220	82.7%	34	12.8%	12	4.5%	266
Private loans	10	45.5%	7	31.8%	5	22.7%	22
Personal funds (savings)	94	37.0%	113	44.5%	47	18.5%	254
Family funds (spouse/parental)	45	45.9%	35	35.7%	18	18.4%	98
Employer tuition support/benefit	65	62.5%	30	28.8%	9	8.7%	104
Military/veteran benefit	18	75.0%	5	20.8%	1	4.2%	24
Other	9	60.0%	2	13.3%	4	26.7%	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?	339	59.7%	216	38.0%	13	2.3%	568

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	50	8.7%
\$ 10,000 - \$ 19,999	73	12.7%
\$ 20,000 - \$ 29,999	56	9.8%
\$ 30,000 - \$ 39,999	29	5.1%
\$ 40,000 - \$ 49,999	47	8.2%
\$ 50,000 - \$ 59,000	17	3.0%
\$ 60,000 - \$ 69,999	22	3.8%
\$ 70,000 or More	28	4.9%
Don't Know	16	2.8%
Did not borrow	236	41.1%
Total	574	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	235	40.8%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	10	1.7%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	17	3.0%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	118	20.5%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	36	6.3%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	109	18.9%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	23	4.0%
Other, (please specify)	10	1.7%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	3	0.5%
I don't know yet	15	2.6%
Total	576	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	84	14.8%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	171	30.1%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	44	7.7%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	20	3.5%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	10	1.8%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	15	2.6%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	101	17.8%
Education: Foreign educational institution	2	0.4%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	25	4.4%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	19	3.3%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	22	3.9%
Self-employed	12	2.1%
Other, (specify)	43	7.6%
Total	569	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	435	76.9%
Not in North Carolina but elsewhere in the United States (specify)	79	14.0%
Outside of the United States	6	1.1%
Don't Know	46	8.1%
Total	566	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	391	68.6%
Somewhat Related	112	19.6%
Not Related	12	2.1%
Don't Know	15	2.6%
I have no post-graduate employment	40	7.0%
Total	570	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	2	16.7%
I was not offered any positions related to my graduate field of study	4	33.3%
I could not find positions related to my graduate field of study which paid enough	0	0.0%
My career goals have changed	3	25.0%
Other (specify)	3	25.0%
Total	12	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	5	0.9%	15	2.7%	45	8.0%	195	34.5%	154	27.2%	152	26.9%	566	4.2
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research thesis/dissertation	4	0.7%	11	2.0%	45	8.0%	139	24.6%	115	20.4%	250	44.3%	564	4.1
Research ethics training and understanding	2	0.4%	5	0.9%	45	8.0%	220	38.9%	160	28.3%	133	23.5%	565	4.2
Opportunities for creative expression	4	0.7%	18	3.2%	60	10.6%	211	37.3%	173	30.6%	99	17.5%	565	4.1
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	7	1.2%	30	5.3%	78	13.9%	151	26.8%	123	21.8%	174	30.9%	563	3.9
Support to develop intellectual property	9	1.6%	17	3.0%	70	12.4%	147	26.1%	129	22.9%	192	34.0%	564	4.0
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	5	0.9%	9	1.6%	32	5.7%	72	12.8%	108	19.2%	337	59.9%	563	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	7	1.2%	17	3.0%	154	27.3%	387	68.5%			565	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	13	2.3%	40	7.1%	154	27.3%	357	63.3%			564	3.5
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	9	1.6%	24	4.2%	146	25.8%	386	68.3%			565	3.6
Encourage student-faculty interaction	15	2.7%	43	7.6%	147	26.0%	360	63.7%			565	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	18	3.2%	55	9.7%	172	30.4%	320	56.6%			565	3.4
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	6	1.1%	25	4.4%	158	28.0%	376	66.5%			565	3.6
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	9	1.6%	33	5.9%	172	30.6%	349	62.0%			563	3.5
Care about your academic success and welfare	17	3.0%	34	6.0%	136	24.1%	377	66.8%			564	3.5
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	10	1.8%	30	5.3%	163	29.0%	359	63.9%			562	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	14	2.5%	39	6.9%	117	20.8%	373	66.3%	20	3.6%	563	3.6
Responsiveness of advisor	16	2.8%	32	5.7%	121	21.5%	372	66.1%	22	3.9%	563	3.6
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	17	3.0%	31	5.5%	127	22.7%	372	66.5%	12	2.1%	559	3.6
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	15	2.7%	37	6.6%	149	26.6%	340	60.6%	20	3.6%	561	3.5
Academic advising services overall	18	3.2%	37	6.6%	132	23.5%	350	62.4%	24	4.3%	561	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%	11	2.0%	93	16.5%	457	81.0%	3	0.5%	564	3.8	
Problem solving skills	7	1.2%	16	2.8%	165	29.3%	375	66.5%	1	0.2%	564	3.6	
Technical skills	8	1.4%	36	6.4%	165	29.3%	354	62.8%	1	0.2%	564	3.5	
Communication skills	6	1.1%	25	4.4%	131	23.3%	399	70.9%	2	0.4%	563	3.6	
Personal development	6	1.1%	15	2.7%	114	20.2%	428	75.9%	1	0.2%	564	3.7	
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	9	1.6%	38	6.7%	143	25.4%	371	65.8%	3	0.5%	564	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	4	0.7%	14	2.5%	81	14.5%	188	33.6%	272	48.7%	559	3.6	
Web-based instruction and activities	17	3.0%	52	9.3%	174	31.1%	312	55.8%	4	0.7%	559	3.4	
Web-based course materials	16	2.9%	45	8.1%	184	33.0%	307	55.1%	5	0.9%	557	3.4	
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	8	1.4%	30	5.4%	185	33.0%	336	60.0%	1	0.2%	560	3.5	
Two-way interactive (live) video	8	1.4%	47	8.4%	186	33.2%	268	47.9%	51	9.1%	560	3.4	
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	9	1.6%	35	6.3%	176	31.4%	339	60.5%	1	0.2%	560	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?	438	78.5%	120	21.5%	558

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	21	3.8%
Most of my courses were taught face-to-face	90	16.1%
Some courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	94	16.8%
Most of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	55	9.8%
All of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	300	53.6%
Total	560	100%

9. Which library have you used the most?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Joyner Library	282	50.4%
Laupus Library	145	25.9%
Music Library	5	0.9%
Did not use these libraries	128	22.9%
Total	560	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	1	0.2%	5	0.9%	13	2.3%	172	30.7%	327	58.4%	42	7.5%	560	4.6
Effectiveness of print library resources for your learning experience	2	0.4%	8	1.4%	16	2.9%	94	16.8%	186	33.2%	254	45.4%	560	4.5
Library space for individual student work	2	0.4%	4	0.7%	12	2.1%	77	13.8%	173	30.9%	291	52.1%	559	4.5
Library space for group work	2	0.4%	2	0.4%	16	2.9%	72	12.9%	155	27.7%	312	55.8%	559	4.5
Training/instruction for using library resources	5	0.9%	11	2.0%	35	6.3%	117	20.9%	182	32.6%	209	37.4%	559	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	8	1.4%	17	3.0%	57	10.2%	138	24.7%	163	29.2%	175	31.4%	558	4.1
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development	11	2.0%	18	3.2%	53	9.5%	76	13.6%	108	19.3%	293	52.4%	559	3.9
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services	8	1.4%	15	2.7%	50	9.0%	103	18.5%	137	24.6%	245	43.9%	558	4.1