

Graduate Student Exit Survey Academic Year 2016-2017

College
All

Department
All

Program
All

Section A: Demographics

Question	Response	Question	Dissertation	Capstone project	Master's thesis	Coursework only	Other	Grand Total
1. What was your enrollment status for the majority of your program?	Full-Time	2. What was your scholarly product?	49 6.3%	183 23.6%	111 14.3%	289 37.3%	142 18.3%	774 100.0%
	Part-Time							
Grand Total	773 100.0%							

Section B: Overall Satisfaction

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

Question	1: Very Dissatisfied	2: Somewhat Dissatisfied	3: Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	4: Somewhat Satisfied	5: Very Satisfied	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Your academic experience at ECU	13 1.7%	41 5.3%	11 1.4%	220 28.6%	483 62.9%	768 100.0%	4.5
Your student life experience at ECU	10 1.3%	21 2.7%	272 35.6%	175 22.9%	287 37.5%	765 100.0%	3.9
Your overall experience at ECU	9 1.2%	32 4.2%	24 3.1%	241 31.5%	460 60.1%	766 100.0%	4.5

Question	1: Very Unprepared	2: Unprepared	3: Neither Prepared nor Unprepared	4: Prepared	5: Very Prepared	Don't know	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
2. As a result of your graduate education at ECU, how well prepared are you to practice in your discipline or profession?	4 0.5%	14 1.8%	31 4.0%	379 49.2%	334 43.4%	8 1.0%	770 100.0%	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	1: Poor	2: Fair	3: Good	4: Very good	5: Excellent	N/A	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Internship	6 0.8%	14 1.9%	52 7.0%	103 13.8%	213 28.5%	359 48.1%	747 100.0%	4.3
Externship	1 0.1%	4 0.6%	26 3.7%	30 4.2%	51 7.2%	596 84.2%	708 100.0%	4.1
Practicum	3 0.4%	11 1.5%	44 6.1%	86 11.8%	142 19.5%	441 60.7%	727 100.0%	4.2
Clinical placement	5 0.7%	14 1.9%	37 5.2%	56 7.8%	102 14.2%	504 70.2%	718 100.0%	4.1
Volunteer work	5 0.7%	10 1.4%	42 5.9%	52 7.3%	78 11.0%	523 73.7%	710 100.0%	4.0
Other	2 0.5%	2 0.5%	4 0.9%	9 2.0%	22 5.0%	402 91.2%	441 100.0%	4.2

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	1: Poor	2: Fair	3: Good	4: Very good	5: Excellent	N/A	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Office of Financial Aid	31 4.1%	50 6.6%	125 16.6%	152 20.2%	160 21.3%	234 31.1%	752 100.0%	3.7
Information technology (IT) resources	15 2.0%	40 5.3%	145 19.3%	225 29.9%	188 25.0%	139 18.5%	752 100.0%	3.9
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	17 2.3%	24 3.2%	83 11.0%	100 13.3%	129 17.2%	399 53.1%	752 100.0%	3.8
Library and electronic research resources	1 0.1%	19 2.5%	93 12.4%	253 33.6%	341 45.3%	46 6.1%	753 100.0%	4.3
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	4 0.5%	10 1.3%	60 8.0%	116 15.5%	127 17.0%	432 57.7%	749 100.0%	4.1
University Writing Center	5 0.7%	21 2.8%	56 7.5%	92 12.3%	116 15.5%	457 61.2%	747 100.0%	4.0
Office for Equity and Diversity	8 1.1%	14 1.9%	27 3.6%	38 5.1%	57 7.7%	600 80.6%	744 100.0%	3.8
Office of International Affairs	5 0.7%	4 0.5%	17 2.3%	33 4.4%	48 6.5%	636 85.6%	743 100.0%	4.1
Office of the Graduate School	10 1.3%	36 4.8%	142 19.0%	198 26.4%	204 27.2%	159 21.2%	749 100.0%	3.9
The Career Center	13 1.7%	19 2.6%	92 12.3%	87 11.7%	105 14.1%	429 57.6%	745 100.0%	3.8
Office for Faculty Excellence	3 0.4%	5 0.7%	40 5.4%	40 5.4%	62 8.4%	592 79.8%	742 100.0%	4.0
Office of Sponsored Programs	4 0.5%	6 0.8%	27 3.6%	34 4.6%	52 7.0%	618 83.4%	741 100.0%	4.0
Office of Technology Transfer	3 0.4%	6 0.8%	24 3.2%	30 4.1%	45 6.1%	631 85.4%	739 100.0%	4.0
Graduate Assistance Funding	12 1.6%	23 3.1%	45 6.1%	64 8.6%	87 11.7%	511 68.9%	742 100.0%	3.8

Question	Response	Count	Percentage	Question	Response	Count	Percentage
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	Yes	117	15.5%	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).	Full	214	28.5%
	No	636	84.5%		Partial	245	32.6%
Grand Total		753	100.0%		Not sure whether full or partial	25	3.3%
					Did not receive any support	267	35.6%
				Grand Total	751	100.0%	

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

Question	Count	Percentage
Assistantship	178	11.8%
Fellowship/Scholarship	161	10.7%
Grant	63	4.2%
Federal student loans	369	24.4%
Private loans	71	4.7%
Personal funds (savings)	346	22.9%
Family funds (spouse/parental)	145	9.6%
Employer tuition support/benefit	127	8.4%
Military/veteran benefit	28	1.9%
Other	22	1.5%

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

Question	Largest amount	2nd largest amount	3rd largest amount	Grand Total
Assistantship	51 31.5%	81 50.0%	30 18.5%	162 100.0%
Fellowship/ Scholarship	49 34.8%	51 36.2%	41 29.1%	141 100.0%
Grant	15 30.0%	22 44.0%	13 26.0%	50 100.0%
Federal student loans	294 84.0%	46 13.1%	10 2.9%	350 100.0%
Private loans	24 46.2%	20 38.5%	8 15.4%	52 100.0%
Personal funds (savings)	124 40.1%	111 35.9%	74 23.9%	309 100.0%
Family funds (spouse/parental)	55 44.7%	48 39.0%	20 16.3%	123 100.0%
Employer tuition support/benefit	55 46.2%	45 37.8%	19 16.0%	119 100.0%
Military/veteran benefit	16 59.3%	8 29.6%	3 11.1%	27 100.0%
Other	6 54.5%	4 36.4%	1 9.1%	11 100.0%

Question	Response	Question	Response
6. Upon completing your graduate education, will you be personally responsible for repaying any loans used to finance your graduate education?	Yes	7. 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.	\$1-9,999
	No		\$10,000-19,999
	Don't know		\$20,000-29,999
Grand Total	\$30,000-39,999		
	\$40,000-49,999		
	\$50,000-59,999		
	\$60,000-69,999		
	\$70,000 or more		
	Don't know		
	Did not borrow		
	Grand Total		

Section E: Post-Graduation Plans

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

Response	
Returning to, or continuing in, employment obtained before graduate school	275 36.6%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	11 1.5%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	5 0.7%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	142 18.9%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	45 6.0%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	200 26.6%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	27 3.6%
Other	21 2.8%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	1 0.1%
I don't know yet	25 3.3%
Grand Total	752 100.0%

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

Response	
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Not for profit organization	106 14.4%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	204 27.8%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	60 8.2%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	14 1.9%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	10 1.4%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	26 3.5%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	173 23.5%
Education: Foreign educational institution	2 0.3%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	26 3.5%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	27 3.7%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	25 3.4%
Self-employed	14 1.9%
Other	48 6.5%
Grand Total	735 100.0%

Question	Response	Question	Response	Question	Response
3. Where is the organization with which you will be working or the institution you will be attending after graduation?	In North Carolina	4. How closely is your post-graduate employment, if any, related to your graduate field of study at ECU?	Directly related	5. Which reason below best explains why you took post-graduate employment that was not related to your graduate field of study?	I could not find positions to apply for in my graduate field of study
	Not in North Carolina but elsewhere in the United States		Somewhat related		I was not offered any positions related to my graduate field of study
	Outside of the United States		Not related		My career goals have changed
	Don't know		Don't know		Other
			I have no post-graduate employment		
Grand Total	744 100.0%	Grand Total	749 100.0%	Grand Total	17 100.0%

Section F: Research

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

Question	1: Very Dissatisfied	2: Dissatisfied	3: Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	4: Satisfied	5: Very Satisfied	N/A	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Opportunities for conducting research	6 0.8%	12 1.6%	76 10.3%	259 35.2%	219 29.8%	163 22.2%	735 100.0%	4.2
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research – thesis/dissertation	6 0.8%	12 1.6%	76 10.4%	191 26.2%	132 18.1%	311 42.7%	728 100.0%	4.0
Research ethics training and understanding	4 0.5%	9 1.2%	80 10.9%	293 40.0%	209 28.6%	137 18.7%	732 100.0%	4.2
Opportunities for creative expression	6 0.8%	19 2.6%	94 12.8%	283 38.7%	218 29.8%	112 15.3%	732 100.0%	4.1
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	23 3.1%	22 3.0%	120 16.4%	235 32.1%	147 20.1%	185 25.3%	732 100.0%	3.8
Support to develop intellectual property	14 1.9%	16 2.2%	83 11.3%	225 30.7%	164 22.4%	230 31.4%	732 100.0%	4.0
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	12 1.6%	10 1.4%	50 6.8%	111 15.2%	133 18.2%	414 56.7%	730 100.0%	4.1

Section G: Faculty Contribution

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

Question	1: Poor	2: Fair	3: Good	4: Excellent	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Set high expectations for you to learn	11 1.5%	34 4.6%	193 26.3%	496 67.6%	734 100.0%	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	18 2.5%	48 6.5%	215 29.3%	453 61.7%	734 100.0%	3.5
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	10 1.4%	38 5.2%	159 21.7%	526 71.8%	733 100.0%	3.6
Encourage student-faculty interaction	25 3.4%	59 8.0%	179 24.4%	471 64.2%	734 100.0%	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	33 4.5%	79 10.8%	248 34.0%	370 50.7%	730 100.0%	3.3
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	10 1.4%	28 3.8%	202 27.6%	492 67.2%	732 100.0%	3.6
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	14 1.9%	44 6.0%	203 27.7%	471 64.3%	732 100.0%	3.5
Care about your academic success and welfare	23 3.1%	52 7.1%	188 25.6%	470 64.1%	733 100.0%	3.5
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	14 1.9%	48 6.6%	204 27.9%	466 63.7%	732 100.0%	3.5

Section H: Academic Advising

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

Question	1: Poor	2: Fair	3: Good	4: Excellent	Don't Know/Did not use	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Access to program advisor	27 3.7%	57 7.8%	167 22.9%	444 60.9%	34 4.7%	729 100.0%	3.5
Responsiveness of advisor	34 4.7%	61 8.4%	170 23.4%	425 58.5%	37 5.1%	727 100.0%	3.4
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	23 3.2%	76 10.4%	193 26.5%	418 57.3%	19 2.6%	729 100.0%	3.4
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	18 2.5%	49 6.7%	231 31.7%	394 54.1%	36 4.9%	728 100.0%	3.4
Academic advising services overall	28 3.8%	61 8.4%	208 28.6%	396 54.4%	35 4.8%	728 100.0%	3.4

Section I: Knowledge, Skills, and Growth

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

Question	1: Not at all	2: Very Little	3: Somewhat	4: Very Much	Don't know	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Knowledge in your program	2 0.3%	15 2.1%	134 18.4%	574 79.0%	2 0.3%	727 100.0%	3.8
Problem solving skills	7 1.0%	35 4.8%	229 31.5%	453 62.3%	3 0.4%	727 100.0%	3.6
Technical skills	17 2.3%	55 7.6%	257 35.3%	393 54.0%	6 0.8%	728 100.0%	3.4
Communication skills	10 1.4%	41 5.6%	200 27.5%	474 65.2%	2 0.3%	727 100.0%	3.6
Personal development	6 0.8%	23 3.2%	183 25.1%	515 70.7%	1 0.1%	728 100.0%	3.7
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	14 1.9%	42 5.8%	207 28.5%	460 63.4%	3 0.4%	726 100.0%	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	1: Poor	2: Fair	3: Good	4: Excellent	Don't Know/Did not use	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Face-to-face instruction	5 0.7%	18 2.5%	131 18.1%	279 38.5%	291 40.2%	724 100.0%	3.6
Web-based instruction and activities	18 2.5%	59 8.1%	278 38.3%	319 44.0%	51 7.0%	725 100.0%	3.3
Web-based course materials	15 2.1%	58 8.0%	279 38.5%	332 45.9%	40 5.5%	724 100.0%	3.4
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	12 1.7%	48 6.6%	254 35.1%	398 55.0%	11 1.5%	723 100.0%	3.5
Two-way interactive (live) video	23 3.2%	65 9.0%	196 27.2%	167 23.2%	269 37.4%	720 100.0%	3.1
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	11 1.5%	46 6.4%	272 37.7%	383 53.1%	9 1.2%	721 100.0%	3.4

Question	Response	Question	Response	
2. 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?	Yes	3. With regard to courses in your program, which of the following statements is most accurate?	All of my courses were taught face-to-face	112 15.4%
	No		Most of my courses were taught face-to-face	153 21.1%
Some courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method			94 13.0%	
Most of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method			51 7.0%	
Grand Total	725 100.0%		All of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	315 43.4%
		Grand Total	725 100.0%	

Question	1: Joyner Library	2: Laupus Library	3: Music Library	4: Did not use	Grand Total
4. Which library have you used the most?	323 53.3%	177 29.2%	7 1.2%	99 16.3%	606 100.0%

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

Question	1: Very Dissatisfied	2: Dissatisfied	3: Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	4: Satisfied	5: Very Satisfied	Don't Know/Not Applicable	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
	Effectiveness of online library resources for your learning experience	1 0.2%	5 0.8%	16 2.7%	168 27.9%	378 62.7%		
Effectiveness of print library resources for your learning experience	2 0.3%	7 1.2%	25 4.1%	107 17.7%	217 36.0%	245 40.6%	603 100.0%	4.5
Library space for group work	4 0.7%	6 1.0%	20 3.3%	87 14.5%	176 29.3%	308 51.2%	601 100.0%	4.5
Library space for individual student work	7 1.2%	6 1.0%	17 2.8%	99 16.4%	182 30.2%	291 48.3%	602 100.0%	4.4
Training/instruction for using library resources	1 0.2%	9 1.5%	44 7.3%	145 24.0%	196 32.5%	208 34.5%	603 100.0%	4.3

Section K: Student Affairs Programs

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

Question	1: Strongly Disagree	2: Disagree	3: Neither Agree nor Disagree	4: Agree	5: Strongly Agree	N/A	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
I feel there are sufficient programs to engage students outside the classroom.	10 1.4%	18 2.5%	89 12.5%	191 26.9%	178 25.0%	225 31.6%	711 100.0%	4.0
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development.	12 1.7%	30 4.2%	78 11.0%	109 15.4%	121 17.0%	360 50.7%	710 100.0%	3.8
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services	7 1.0%	17 2.4%	73 10.3%	151 21.3%	166 23.4%	295 41.6%	709 100.0%	4.1

NOTE: Calculations of average ratings do not include responses in the "Don't Know/Not Applicable" category.