

ECU Graduate Student Exit Survey Academic Year 2017-2018

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?	38 5.2%	182 24.8%	117 16.0%	249 34.0%	147 20.1%	733 100.0%
	Part-time							
Grand Total	733 100.0%							

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	9 1.2%	28 3.9%	15 2.1%	195 26.9%	479 66.0%	726 100.0%	4.5
Your student life experience at ECU	8 1.1%	19 2.6%	233 32.1%	172 23.7%	294 40.5%	726 100.0%	4.0
Your overall experience at ECU	6 0.8%	30 4.1%	33 4.6%	208 28.7%	448 61.8%	725 100.0%	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 0.6%	14 1.9%	36 5.0%	316 43.5%	354 48.8%	2 0.3%	726 100.0%	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	7 1.0%	19 2.7%	43 6.2%	80 11.5%	198 28.4%	350 50.2%	697 100.0%	4.3
Externship	5 0.7%	3 0.4%	8 1.2%	24 3.6%	52 7.8%	575 86.2%	667 100.0%	4.3
Practicum	5 0.7%	12 1.8%	30 4.4%	77 11.3%	151 22.1%	409 59.8%	684 100.0%	4.3
Clinical placement	6 0.9%	8 1.2%	22 3.2%	56 8.3%	104 15.3%	482 71.1%	678 100.0%	4.2
Volunteer work	3 0.4%	13 1.9%	38 5.6%	61 9.1%	69 10.3%	489 72.7%	673 100.0%	4.0
Other	2 0.4%	2 0.4%	6 1.3%	10 2.2%	28 6.2%	404 89.4%	452 100.0%	4.3

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	26 3.6%	57 8.0%	132 18.5%	135 18.9%	163 22.9%	200 28.1%	713 100.0%	3.7
Information technology (IT) resources	11 1.5%	35 4.9%	141 19.7%	210 29.4%	184 25.8%	133 18.6%	714 100.0%	3.9
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	15 2.1%	33 4.7%	85 12.0%	107 15.1%	117 16.5%	352 49.6%	709 100.0%	3.8
Library and electronic research resources	3 0.4%	17 2.4%	103 14.4%	205 28.7%	356 49.9%	30 4.2%	714 100.0%	4.3
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	2 0.3%	17 2.4%	64 9.0%	105 14.8%	129 18.2%	393 55.4%	710 100.0%	4.1
University Writing Center	13 1.8%	11 1.6%	61 8.6%	78 11.0%	125 17.6%	421 59.4%	709 100.0%	4.0
Office for Equity and Diversity	2 0.3%	8 1.1%	30 4.2%	35 4.9%	67 9.5%	566 79.9%	708 100.0%	4.1
Office of International Affairs	3 0.4%	6 0.9%	26 3.7%	26 3.7%	52 7.4%	592 84.0%	705 100.0%	4.0
Office of the Graduate School	13 1.8%	26 3.7%	136 19.2%	182 25.7%	213 30.0%	139 19.6%	709 100.0%	4.0
The ECU Career Center	14 2.0%	22 3.1%	64 9.0%	79 11.1%	110 15.5%	421 59.3%	710 100.0%	3.9
Office for Faculty Excellence	1 0.1%	6 0.8%	30 4.2%	32 4.5%	71 10.0%	568 80.2%	708 100.0%	4.2
Office of Sponsored Programs	3 0.4%	4 0.6%	25 3.5%	26 3.7%	55 7.8%	594 84.0%	707 100.0%	4.1
Office of Technology Transfer	2 0.3%	6 0.8%	25 3.5%	25 3.5%	51 7.2%	598 84.6%	707 100.0%	4.1
Graduate Assistance Funding	16 2.3%	19 2.7%	51 7.2%	61 8.6%	80 11.3%	481 67.9%	708 100.0%	3.7

Question	Response	Count	Percentage
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	Yes	141	19.7%
	No	573	80.3%
Grand Total		714	100.0%

Question	Response	Count	Percentage
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	189	26.4%
	Partial	248	34.6%
	Not sure whether full or partial	31	4.3%
	Did not receive any support	248	34.6%
Grand Total		716	100.0%

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

Question	Count	Percentage
Assistantship	186	12.6%
Fellowship/Scholarship	129	8.7%
Grant	52	3.5%
Federal student loans	388	26.3%
Private loans	72	4.9%
Personal funds (savings)	325	22.0%
Family funds (spouse/parental)	177	12.0%
Employer tuition support/benefit	119	8.1%
Military/veteran benefit	20	1.4%
Other	10	0.7%

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

Question	1st Largest Amount	2nd Largest Amount	3rd Largest Amount	Grand Total
Assistantship	46 25.8%	89 50.0%	43 24.2%	178 100.0%
Fellowship/Scholarship	27 24.3%	51 45.9%	33 29.7%	111 100.0%
Grant	8 19.5%	17 41.5%	16 39.0%	41 100.0%
Federal student loans	322 85.4%	43 11.4%	12 3.2%	377 100.0%
Private loans	23 37.7%	25 41.0%	13 21.3%	61 100.0%
Personal funds (savings)	105 37.5%	112 40.0%	63 22.5%	280 100.0%
Family funds (spouse/parental)	72 49.3%	44 30.1%	30 20.5%	146 100.0%
Employer tuition support/benefit	48 43.6%	44 40.0%	18 16.4%	110 100.0%
Military/veteran benefit	15 78.9%	4 21.1%		19 100.0%
Other	6 75.0%		2 25.0%	8 100.0%

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	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	259 36.5%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	8 1.1%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	7 1.0%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	121 17.1%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	40 5.6%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	186 26.2%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	37 5.2%
Other	29 4.1%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	1 0.1%
I don't know yet	21 3.0%
Grand Total	709 100.0%

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	97 14.0%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	204 29.4%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	56 8.1%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	15 2.2%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	12 1.7%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	35 5.0%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	139 20.0%
Education: Foreign educational institution	2 0.3%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	27 3.9%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	32 4.6%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	24 3.5%
Self-employed	11 1.6%
Other	41 5.9%
Grand Total	695 100.0%

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		I could not find positions related to my graduate field of study which paid enough
	Don't know		Don't know		My career goals have changed
Grand Total	704 100.0%	Grand Total	705 100.0%	Grand Total	22 100.0%

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	8 1.1%	10 1.4%	68 9.7%	228 32.5%	222 31.7%	165 23.5%	701 100.0%	4.2
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research – thesis/dissertation	6 0.9%	11 1.6%	74 10.6%	165 23.5%	142 20.3%	303 43.2%	701 100.0%	4.1
Research ethics training and understanding	6 0.9%	11 1.6%	70 10.0%	252 36.1%	218 31.2%	142 20.3%	699 100.0%	4.2
Opportunities for creative expression	8 1.1%	20 2.9%	89 12.7%	244 34.9%	216 30.9%	123 17.6%	700 100.0%	4.1
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	8 1.1%	45 6.4%	104 14.9%	196 28.0%	154 22.0%	192 27.5%	699 100.0%	3.9
Support to develop intellectual property	8 1.1%	18 2.6%	106 15.2%	198 28.4%	143 20.5%	223 32.0%	696 100.0%	4.0
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	6 0.9%	14 2.0%	49 7.0%	87 12.5%	141 20.2%	401 57.4%	698 100.0%	4.2

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	7 1.0%	32 4.6%	190 27.1%	473 67.4%	702 100.0%	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	19 2.7%	43 6.1%	201 28.7%	437 62.4%	700 100.0%	3.5
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	8 1.1%	30 4.3%	168 23.9%	496 70.7%	702 100.0%	3.6
Encourage student-faculty interaction	18 2.6%	56 8.0%	173 24.7%	454 64.8%	701 100.0%	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	28 4.0%	85 12.2%	214 30.6%	372 53.2%	699 100.0%	3.3
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	5 0.7%	32 4.6%	183 26.1%	480 68.6%	700 100.0%	3.6
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	6 0.9%	45 6.4%	201 28.8%	446 63.9%	698 100.0%	3.6
Care about your academic success and welfare	11 1.6%	52 7.4%	184 26.3%	453 64.7%	700 100.0%	3.5
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	7 1.0%	39 5.6%	210 30.1%	442 63.3%	698 100.0%	3.6

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	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Access to program advisor	14 2.1%	62 9.4%	160 24.1%	427 64.4%	663 100.0%	3.5
Responsiveness of advisor	24 3.6%	62 9.4%	159 24.0%	417 63.0%	662 100.0%	3.5
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	27 4.0%	52 7.7%	181 26.9%	412 61.3%	672 100.0%	3.5
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	14 2.1%	65 9.9%	195 29.8%	380 58.1%	654 100.0%	3.4
Academic advising services overall	23 3.5%	60 9.2%	191 29.2%	381 58.2%	655 100.0%	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%	12 1.7%	135 19.4%	545 78.3%	2 0.3%	696 100.0%	3.8
Problem solving skills	5 0.7%	40 5.8%	212 30.5%	436 62.7%	2 0.3%	695 100.0%	3.6
Technical skills	13 1.9%	44 6.3%	242 34.8%	392 56.3%	5 0.7%	696 100.0%	3.5
Communication skills	12 1.7%	37 5.3%	194 27.9%	451 64.8%	2 0.3%	696 100.0%	3.6
Personal development	10 1.4%	22 3.2%	168 24.2%	490 70.6%	4 0.6%	694 100.0%	3.6
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	18 2.6%	52 7.5%	198 28.5%	421 60.6%	6 0.9%	695 100.0%	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	3 0.4%	17 2.5%	117 17.0%	259 37.7%	291 42.4%	687 100.0%	3.6
Web-based instruction and activities	13 1.9%	61 8.9%	222 32.3%	342 49.8%	49 7.1%	687 100.0%	3.4
Web-based course materials	12 1.7%	57 8.3%	235 34.2%	340 49.5%	43 6.3%	687 100.0%	3.4
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	7 1.0%	38 5.5%	236 34.4%	398 58.0%	7 1.0%	686 100.0%	3.5
Two-way interactive (live) video	11 1.6%	65 9.4%	152 22.1%	174 25.3%	286 41.6%	688 100.0%	3.2
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	5 0.7%	51 7.4%	229 33.4%	398 58.1%	2 0.3%	685 100.0%	3.5

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 504 73.4%	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 107 15.5%
	No 183 26.6%		Most of my courses were taught face-to-face 126 18.3%
	Some of my major courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method 108 15.7%		
	Most of my major courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method 44 6.4%		
	All of my major courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method 305 44.2%		
Grand Total	687 100.0%	Grand Total	690 100.0%

Question	1: Joyner Library	2: Laupus Library	3: Music Library	4: Did not use these libraries	Grand Total
4. Which library have you used the most?	406 58.9%	190 27.6%	2 0.3%	91 13.2%	689 100.0%

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	4 0.6%		18 2.6%	186 27.0%	432 62.8%	48 7.0%	688 100.0%	4.6
Effectiveness of print library resources for your learning experience	4 0.6%	4 0.6%	25 3.6%	124 18.0%	223 32.5%	307 44.7%	687 100.0%	4.5
Library space for individual student work	4 0.6%	9 1.3%	18 2.6%	121 17.7%	192 28.1%	339 49.6%	683 100.0%	4.4
Library space for group work	3 0.4%	5 0.7%	19 2.8%	114 16.6%	180 26.3%	364 53.1%	685 100.0%	4.4
Training/instruction for using library resources	5 0.7%	8 1.2%	56 8.2%	154 22.5%	209 30.6%	252 36.8%	684 100.0%	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.	7 1.0%	30 4.4%	74 10.9%	171 25.1%	170 25.0%	229 33.6%	681 100.0%	4.0
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development.	13 1.9%	28 4.1%	57 8.4%	104 15.3%	113 16.6%	364 53.6%	679 100.0%	3.9
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services.	16 2.4%	30 4.4%	50 7.4%	114 16.8%	156 22.9%	314 46.2%	680 100.0%	4.0

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