

Graduate Student Exit Survey Academic Year 2015-2016

College
All

Department
All

Program
All

Section A: Demographics

Question	Response	
1. What was your enrollment status for the majority of your program?	1: Full-time	529 64.0%
	2: Part-time	298 36.0%
Grand Total		827 100.0%

Question	Dissertation	Capstone Project	Master's Thesis	Coursework only	Other	Grand Total
2. What was your scholarly product?	35 4.2%	146 17.6%	168 20.3%	301 36.3%	179 21.6%	829 100.0%

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 1.1%	40 4.9%	22 2.7%	243 29.6%	506 61.7%	820 100.0%	4.5
Your student life experience at ECU	12 1.5%	27 3.3%	253 31.2%	205 25.2%	315 38.8%	812 100.0%	4.0
Your overall experience at ECU	9 1.1%	29 3.6%	42 5.2%	236 29.0%	499 61.2%	815 100.0%	4.5

Question	1: Very Unprepared	2: Unprepared	3: Neither Prepared nor Unprepared	4: Prepared	5: Very Prepared	6: 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?	5 0.6%	16 2.0%	42 5.1%	378 46.3%	372 45.5%	4 0.5%	817 100.0%	4.3

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	6: N/A	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Internship	9 1.6%	12 2.2%	40 7.3%	93 16.9%	203 36.8%	194 35.2%	551 100.0%	4.3
Externship	3 0.7%	8 1.7%	17 3.7%	35 7.6%	62 13.5%	334 72.8%	459 100.0%	4.2
Practicum	6 1.1%	17 3.0%	46 8.1%	106 18.8%	149 26.4%	241 42.7%	565 100.0%	4.2
Clinical placement	7 1.3%	15 2.8%	36 6.8%	83 15.6%	135 25.4%	255 48.0%	531 100.0%	4.2
Volunteer work	3 0.6%	18 3.6%	62 12.5%	57 11.5%	69 13.9%	286 57.8%	495 100.0%	3.8
Other	1 0.3%	3 0.9%	5 1.6%	16 5.0%	37 11.6%	258 80.6%	320 100.0%	4.4

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	6: N/A	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Office of Financial Aid	29 4.2%	73 10.6%	167 24.3%	147 21.4%	149 21.7%	123 17.9%	688 100.0%	3.6
Information technology (IT) resources	10 1.3%	45 6.0%	193 25.8%	230 30.7%	177 23.7%	93 12.4%	748 100.0%	3.8
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	18 3.0%	32 5.2%	97 15.9%	126 20.7%	114 18.7%	223 36.6%	610 100.0%	3.7
Library and electronic research resources	4 0.5%	23 2.9%	125 15.9%	283 35.9%	332 42.1%	21 2.7%	788 100.0%	4.2
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	5 0.8%	25 4.1%	92 15.2%	123 20.3%	131 21.7%	229 37.9%	605 100.0%	3.9
University Writing Center	12 2.1%	20 3.6%	84 15.0%	93 16.6%	93 16.6%	259 46.2%	561 100.0%	3.8
Office for Equity and Diversity	3 0.6%	10 2.0%	46 9.3%	39 7.9%	52 10.6%	342 69.5%	492 100.0%	3.8
Office of International Affairs	4 0.8%	5 1.0%	33 6.9%	22 4.6%	43 9.0%	370 77.6%	477 100.0%	3.9
Office of the Graduate School	13 1.8%	54 7.5%	155 21.4%	228 31.5%	178 24.6%	96 13.3%	724 100.0%	3.8
The Career Center	19 3.3%	16 2.8%	87 15.2%	106 18.6%	105 18.4%	238 41.7%	571 100.0%	3.8
Office for Faculty Excellence	6 1.2%	7 1.4%	39 7.9%	53 10.7%	53 10.7%	336 68.0%	494 100.0%	3.9
Office of Sponsored Programs	1 0.2%	5 1.0%	32 6.7%	40 8.4%	37 7.7%	363 75.9%	478 100.0%	3.9
Office of Technology Transfer	4 0.8%	5 1.1%	29 6.1%	34 7.2%	37 7.8%	363 76.9%	472 100.0%	3.9
Graduate Assistance Funding	22 4.0%	26 4.7%	64 11.6%	59 10.7%	90 16.3%	291 52.7%	552 100.0%	3.6

Question	Response	Question	Response
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	1: Yes	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).	1: Full
	2: No		2: Partial
			3: Not sure whether full or partial
			4: Did not receive any support
Grand Total		Grand Total	

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

Question	Question	Largest amount	2nd largest amount	3rd largest amount	Grand Total
Assistantship	Assistantship	66 35.7%	90 48.6%	29 15.7%	185 100.0%
Fellowship/Scholarship	Fellowship/Scholarship	35 27.1%	54 41.9%	40 31.0%	129 100.0%
Grant	Grant	21 30.0%	33 47.1%	16 22.9%	70 100.0%
Federal student loans	Federal student loans	337 88.9%	27 7.1%	15 4.0%	379 100.0%
Private loans	Private loans	21 43.8%	26 54.2%	1 2.1%	48 100.0%
Personal funds (savings)	Personal funds (savings)	103 32.3%	147 46.1%	69 21.6%	319 100.0%
Family funds (spouse/parental)	Family funds (spouse/parental)	76 45.8%	52 31.3%	38 22.9%	166 100.0%
Employer tuition support/benefit	Employer tuition support/benefit	66 53.2%	45 36.3%	13 10.5%	124 100.0%
Military/veteran benefit	Military/veteran benefit	10 66.7%	3 20.0%	2 13.3%	15 100.0%
Other	Other	9 69.2%	3 23.1%	1 7.7%	13 100.0%

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

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?	1: 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
			97
	2: No		\$20,000-29,999
			63
	3: Don't Know		\$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	800 100.0%	Grand Total	803 100.0%

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	256 32.0%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	10 1.2%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	7 0.9%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	139 17.4%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	48 6.0%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	240 30.0%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	41 5.1%
Other	28 3.5%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	5 0.6%
I don't know yet	27 3.4%
Grand Total	801 100.0%

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	121 15.2%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	235 29.5%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	67 8.4%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	22 2.8%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	15 1.9%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	25 3.1%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	158 19.8%
Education: Foreign educational institution	4 0.5%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	31 3.9%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	29 3.6%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	20 2.5%
Self-employed	13 1.6%
Other	56 7.0%
Grand Total	796 100.0%

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?	1: I could not find positions to apply for in my graduate field of study
	Not in North Carolina but elsewhere in the U.S.		Somewhat related		2: I was not offered any positions related to my graduate field of study
	Outside of the U.S.		Not related		3: I could not find positions related to my graduate field of study which paid enough
	Don't Know		Don't know		4: My career goals have changed
Grand Total		Grand Total		Grand Total	

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	6: N/A	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Opportunities for conducting research	11 1.6%	16 2.3%	95 13.5%	277 39.4%	213 30.3%	91 12.9%	703 100.0%	4.1
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research – thesis/dissertation	11 1.7%	18 2.8%	107 16.5%	202 31.2%	132 20.4%	177 27.4%	647 100.0%	3.9
Research ethics training and understanding	13 1.8%	15 2.1%	97 13.5%	308 42.7%	194 26.9%	94 13.0%	721 100.0%	4.0
Opportunities for creative expression	18 2.5%	28 3.9%	114 15.7%	297 41.0%	198 27.3%	70 9.7%	725 100.0%	4.0
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	18 2.6%	38 5.5%	153 22.1%	217 31.4%	140 20.3%	125 18.1%	691 100.0%	3.7
Support to develop intellectual property	13 1.9%	26 3.8%	138 20.3%	221 32.5%	149 21.9%	132 19.4%	679 100.0%	3.9
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	8 1.3%	10 1.7%	82 13.8%	118 19.9%	127 21.4%	249 41.9%	594 100.0%	4.0

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	9 1.1%	55 6.8%	216 26.9%	523 65.1%	803 100.0%	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	28 3.5%	69 8.6%	251 31.3%	455 56.7%	803 100.0%	3.4
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	11 1.4%	53 6.6%	224 27.9%	516 64.2%	804 100.0%	3.5
Encourage student-faculty interaction	21 2.6%	68 8.5%	229 28.5%	485 60.4%	803 100.0%	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	33 4.1%	110 13.7%	267 33.3%	392 48.9%	802 100.0%	3.3
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	9 1.1%	44 5.5%	255 31.8%	493 61.5%	801 100.0%	3.5
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	9 1.1%	69 8.6%	249 31.2%	472 59.1%	799 100.0%	3.5
Care about your academic success and welfare	27 3.4%	57 7.1%	219 27.4%	496 62.1%	799 100.0%	3.5
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	15 1.9%	55 6.9%	260 32.5%	470 58.8%	800 100.0%	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	5: Don't know/Did not use	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Access to program advisor	27 3.4%	68 8.6%	208 26.4%	442 56.1%	43 5.5%	788 100.0%	3.4
Responsiveness of advisor	27 3.4%	66 8.4%	210 26.8%	439 55.9%	43 5.5%	785 100.0%	3.4
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	36 4.6%	70 8.9%	220 27.8%	444 56.2%	20 2.5%	790 100.0%	3.4
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	23 3.0%	58 7.4%	272 34.9%	397 51.0%	29 3.7%	779 100.0%	3.4
Academic advising services overall	31 4.0%	68 8.7%	242 30.9%	402 51.4%	39 5.0%	782 100.0%	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	5: Don't know	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Knowledge in your program	6 0.7%	16 2.0%	155 19.4%	621 77.5%	3 0.4%	801 100.0%	3.7
Problem solving skills	12 1.5%	36 4.5%	232 29.0%	519 64.8%	2 0.2%	801 100.0%	3.6
Technical skills	19 2.4%	68 8.5%	265 33.2%	440 55.2%	5 0.6%	797 100.0%	3.4
Communication skills	12 1.5%	34 4.2%	232 29.0%	520 64.9%	3 0.4%	801 100.0%	3.6
Personal development	9 1.1%	29 3.6%	198 24.8%	559 70.1%	3 0.4%	798 100.0%	3.6
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	25 3.1%	52 6.5%	204 25.5%	514 64.3%	5 0.6%	800 100.0%	3.5

Section J: Instruction in your program

1. Please examine each mode of instructional delivery that is used in your graduate program.

Question	1: Poor	2: Fair	3: Good	4: Excellent	5: Don't know/Did not use	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Face-to-face instruction	8 1.2%	26 4.0%	172 26.7%	294 45.7%	144 22.4%	644 100.0%	3.5
Web-based instruction and activities	19 2.5%	86 11.3%	282 37.0%	337 44.2%	38 5.0%	762 100.0%	3.3
Web-based course materials	19 2.4%	85 10.9%	309 39.7%	345 44.3%	20 2.6%	778 100.0%	3.3
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	12 1.5%	62 7.8%	290 36.3%	430 53.8%	5 0.6%	799 100.0%	3.4
Two-way interactive (live) video	22 3.4%	83 12.7%	192 29.4%	183 28.0%	174 26.6%	654 100.0%	3.1
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	12 1.5%	75 9.4%	300 37.5%	412 51.4%	2 0.2%	801 100.0%	3.4

Question	Response	Question	Response	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?	1: Yes	3. With regard to courses in your program, which of the following statements is most accurate?	1: All of my courses were taught face-to-face.	163 20.3%
	2: No		2: Most of my courses were taught face-to-face.	167 20.8%
3: Some courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non face-to-face method.			77 9.6%	
4: Most of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method.			65 8.1%	
5: All of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method.			331 41.2%	
Grand Total	802 100.0%	Grand Total	803 100.0%	

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	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
I feel there are sufficient programs to engage students outside the classroom.	11 1.4%	47 5.9%	238 29.7%	295 36.8%	210 26.2%	801 100.0%	3.8
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development.	26 3.3%	58 7.3%	407 51.1%	168 21.1%	138 17.3%	797 100.0%	3.4
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services	19 2.4%	58 7.3%	298 37.3%	221 27.7%	202 25.3%	798 100.0%	3.7

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