

ECU Graduate Student Exit Survey University Level Report Academic Year 2018-2019

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?	41 6.6%	131 21.2%	92 14.9%	216 35.0%	138 22.3%	618 100.0%
	Part-time							
Grand Total								

Section B: Overall Satisfaction

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	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Your academic experience at ECU	6 1.0%	21 3.4%	19 3.1%	172 28.1%	394 64.4%	612 100.0%	4.5
Your student life experience at ECU	9 1.5%	24 3.9%	204 33.4%	128 21.0%	245 40.2%	610 100.0%	3.9
Your overall experience at ECU	6 1.0%	20 3.3%	22 3.6%	183 30.0%	378 62.1%	609 100.0%	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?	3 0.5%	10 1.6%	30 4.9%	287 47.0%	277 45.4%	3 0.5%	610 100.0%	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	3 0.5%	9 1.5%	40 6.8%	75 12.8%	158 26.9%	303 51.5%	588 100.0%	4.3
Externship	1 0.2%	4 0.7%	21 3.7%	32 5.6%	40 7.0%	472 82.8%	570 100.0%	4.1
Practicum	1 0.2%	6 1.0%	36 6.2%	79 13.6%	121 20.9%	336 58.0%	579 100.0%	4.3
Clinical placement	3 0.5%	5 0.9%	20 3.5%	49 8.6%	94 16.5%	400 70.1%	571 100.0%	4.3
Volunteer work		8 1.4%	38 6.7%	41 7.2%	44 7.8%	435 76.9%	566 100.0%	3.9
Other	3 0.8%	2 0.5%	5 1.3%	10 2.5%	21 5.3%	354 89.6%	395 100.0%	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	1: Poor	2: Fair	3: Good	4: Very Good	5: Excellent	N/A	Grand Total	Avg. Rating
Office of Financial Aid	23 3.8%	39 6.4%	116 19.1%	118 19.5%	130 21.5%	180 29.7%	606 100.0%	3.7
Information technology (IT) resources	6 1.0%	28 4.6%	129 21.3%	159 26.3%	157 26.0%	126 20.8%	605 100.0%	3.9
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	12 2.0%	22 3.6%	73 12.1%	88 14.5%	95 15.7%	315 52.1%	605 100.0%	3.8
Library and electronic research resources	4 0.7%	9 1.5%	66 10.9%	198 32.7%	282 46.5%	47 7.8%	606 100.0%	4.3
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	2 0.3%	8 1.3%	48 8.0%	87 14.4%	102 16.9%	356 59.0%	603 100.0%	4.1
University Writing Center	7 1.2%	14 2.3%	60 10.0%	81 13.4%	92 15.3%	349 57.9%	603 100.0%	3.9
Office for Equity and Diversity	5 0.8%	6 1.0%	24 4.0%	36 6.0%	45 7.5%	486 80.7%	602 100.0%	3.9
Office of International Affairs	4 0.7%	4 0.7%	16 2.7%	26 4.3%	34 5.6%	518 86.0%	602 100.0%	4.0
Office of the Graduate School	11 1.8%	25 4.1%	106 17.5%	165 27.3%	158 26.2%	139 23.0%	604 100.0%	3.9
The ECU Career Center	7 1.2%	12 2.0%	44 7.3%	61 10.1%	72 11.9%	407 67.5%	603 100.0%	3.9
Office for Faculty Excellence	2 0.3%	4 0.7%	27 4.5%	27 4.5%	52 8.6%	491 81.4%	603 100.0%	4.1
Office of Sponsored Programs	4 0.7%	3 0.5%	22 3.6%	28 4.6%	35 5.8%	512 84.8%	604 100.0%	3.9
Office of Technology Transfer	1 0.2%	2 0.3%	21 3.5%	20 3.3%	35 5.8%	524 86.9%	603 100.0%	4.1
Graduate Assistance Funding	12 2.0%	21 3.5%	48 7.9%	42 6.9%	61 10.1%	421 69.6%	605 100.0%	3.6

Question	Response	Count	Percentage
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	Yes	87	14.3%
	No	522	85.7%
Grand Total		609	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	182	29.9%
	Partial	196	32.2%
	Not sure whether full or partial	22	3.6%
	Did not receive any support	208	34.2%
Grand Total		608	100.0%

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

Question	Count	Percentage
Assistantship	131	10.8%
Fellowship/Scholarship	104	8.5%
Grant	56	4.6%
Federal student loans	311	25.5%
Private loans	55	4.5%
Personal funds (savings)	270	22.2%
Family funds (spouse/parental)	120	9.9%
Employer tuition support/benefit	127	10.4%
Military/veteran benefit	28	2.3%
Other	16	1.3%

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	39 32.8%	55 46.2%	25 21.0%	119 100.0%
Fellowship/Scholarship	20 23.0%	43 49.4%	24 27.6%	87 100.0%
Grant	6 14.3%	24 57.1%	12 28.6%	42 100.0%
Federal student loans	266 87.8%	27 8.9%	10 3.3%	303 100.0%
Private loans	18 39.1%	22 47.8%	6 13.0%	46 100.0%
Personal funds (savings)	95 39.3%	88 36.4%	59 24.4%	242 100.0%
Family funds (spouse/parental)	40 41.2%	40 41.2%	17 17.5%	97 100.0%
Employer tuition support/benefit	57 49.1%	40 34.5%	19 16.4%	116 100.0%
Military/veteran benefit	22 84.6%	4 15.4%		26 100.0%
Other	7 53.8%	4 30.8%	2 15.4%	13 100.0%

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. 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.	\$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	244 40.7%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	8 1.3%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	10 1.7%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	76 12.7%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	25 4.2%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	166 27.7%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	32 5.3%
Other	23 3.8%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	1 0.2%
I don't know yet	15 2.5%
Grand Total	600 100.0%

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	79 13.3%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	151 25.5%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	48 8.1%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	13 2.2%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	16 2.7%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	27 4.6%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	121 20.4%
Education: Foreign educational institution	3 0.5%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	24 4.1%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	19 3.2%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	27 4.6%
Self-employed	5 0.8%
Other	59 10.0%
Grand Total	592 100.0%

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
Grand Total	595 100.0%	Grand Total	600 100.0%	Grand Total	18 100.0%

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	4 0.7%	12 2.0%	62 10.4%	208 35.0%	157 26.4%	151 25.4%	594 100.0%	4.1
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research – thesis/dissertation	5 0.8%	13 2.2%	78 13.2%	120 20.4%	103 17.5%	270 45.8%	589 100.0%	3.9
Research ethics training and understanding	4 0.7%	9 1.5%	61 10.3%	205 34.7%	166 28.1%	145 24.6%	590 100.0%	4.2
Opportunities for creative expression	6 1.0%	17 2.9%	89 15.0%	201 34.0%	176 29.7%	103 17.4%	592 100.0%	4.1
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	8 1.4%	21 3.6%	100 17.0%	161 27.3%	115 19.5%	184 31.2%	589 100.0%	3.9
Support to develop intellectual property	7 1.2%	14 2.4%	87 14.8%	137 23.3%	130 22.1%	213 36.2%	588 100.0%	4.0
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	4 0.7%	9 1.5%	41 7.0%	85 14.4%	99 16.8%	351 59.6%	589 100.0%	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	9 1.5%	28 4.7%	154 25.9%	403 67.8%	594 100.0%	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	15 2.5%	41 6.9%	181 30.5%	356 60.0%	593 100.0%	3.5
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	11 1.9%	26 4.4%	159 26.9%	395 66.8%	591 100.0%	3.6
Encourage student-faculty interaction	15 2.5%	54 9.1%	146 24.7%	377 63.7%	592 100.0%	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	29 4.9%	66 11.1%	191 32.3%	306 51.7%	592 100.0%	3.3
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	6 1.0%	21 3.5%	187 31.5%	380 64.0%	594 100.0%	3.6
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	9 1.5%	33 5.6%	181 30.5%	371 62.5%	594 100.0%	3.5
Care about your academic success and welfare	11 1.9%	46 7.8%	159 26.8%	377 63.6%	593 100.0%	3.5
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	5 0.8%	46 7.7%	177 29.8%	366 61.6%	594 100.0%	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	16 2.7%	35 5.9%	148 25.0%	349 59.1%	43 7.3%	591 100.0%	3.5
Responsiveness of advisor	16 2.7%	38 6.5%	153 26.0%	339 57.6%	43 7.3%	589 100.0%	3.5
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	24 4.1%	46 7.8%	156 26.4%	344 58.3%	20 3.4%	590 100.0%	3.4
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	17 2.9%	54 9.2%	170 28.9%	310 52.7%	37 6.3%	588 100.0%	3.4
Academic advising services overall	24 4.1%	41 6.9%	167 28.3%	307 52.0%	51 8.6%	590 100.0%	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	4 0.7%	9 1.5%	111 18.8%	465 78.7%	2 0.3%	591 100.0%	3.8
Problem solving skills	9 1.5%	30 5.1%	183 31.1%	363 61.7%	3 0.5%	588 100.0%	3.5
Technical skills	10 1.7%	46 7.8%	202 34.2%	323 54.7%	9 1.5%	590 100.0%	3.4
Communication skills	12 2.0%	19 3.2%	185 31.4%	372 63.1%	2 0.3%	590 100.0%	3.6
Personal development	8 1.4%	19 3.2%	143 24.2%	419 70.9%	2 0.3%	591 100.0%	3.7
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	9 1.5%	35 6.0%	166 28.2%	373 63.4%	5 0.9%	588 100.0%	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 0.9%	14 2.4%	113 19.3%	208 35.6%	244 41.8%	584 100.0%	3.5
Web-based instruction and activities	15 2.6%	54 9.2%	191 32.7%	276 47.3%	48 8.2%	584 100.0%	3.4
Web-based course materials	12 2.1%	55 9.5%	190 32.7%	289 49.7%	35 6.0%	581 100.0%	3.4
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	7 1.2%	44 7.5%	181 31.0%	338 57.9%	14 2.4%	584 100.0%	3.5
Two-way interactive (live) video	15 2.6%	46 7.9%	139 23.8%	171 29.3%	212 36.4%	583 100.0%	3.3
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	8 1.4%	42 7.2%	204 35.1%	320 55.0%	8 1.4%	582 100.0%	3.5

Question	Response	Question	Response
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?	Yes 423 72.3%	8. With regard to courses in your program, which of the following statements is most accurate?	All of my courses were taught face-to-face 91 15.6%
	No 162 27.7%		Most of my courses were taught face-to-face 103 17.6%
Some of my major courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method 83 14.2%			
Most of my major courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method 51 8.7%			
Grand Total	585 100.0%		All of my major courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method 257 43.9%
		Grand Total	585 100.0%

Question	Joyner Library	Laupus Library	Music Library	Did not use these libraries	Grand Total
9. Which library have you used the most?	333 56.9%	158 27.0%	3 0.5%	91 15.6%	585 100.0%

10. 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%	3 0.5%	13 2.2%	155 26.5%	360 61.6%	52 8.9%	584 100.0%	4.6
Effectiveness of print library resources for your learning experience	2 0.3%	7 1.2%	19 3.3%	115 19.7%	193 33.1%	247 42.4%	583 100.0%	4.5
Library space for individual student work	5 0.9%	10 1.7%	16 2.7%	96 16.5%	154 26.4%	302 51.8%	583 100.0%	4.4
Library space for group work	3 0.5%	6 1.0%	16 2.7%	99 17.0%	146 25.0%	314 53.8%	584 100.0%	4.4
Training/instruction for using library resources	2 0.3%	4 0.7%	44 7.5%	135 23.1%	169 28.9%	230 39.4%	584 100.0%	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.	8 1.4%	22 3.8%	52 9.0%	150 25.9%	147 25.4%	200 34.5%	579 100.0%	4.1
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development.	12 2.1%	19 3.3%	50 8.6%	76 13.1%	99 17.1%	324 55.9%	580 100.0%	3.9
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services.	10 1.7%	17 2.9%	52 9.0%	100 17.3%	138 23.8%	262 45.3%	579 100.0%	4.1

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