



**East Carolina University
Graduate Student Exit Survey
2023-2024**

Section A: Demographics

Question Text	Response					Total
	Full-time		Part-time			
	N	%	N	%		
1. What was your enrollment status for the majority of your program?	356	64.6%	195	35.4%		551

Question Text	Response										Total
	Dissertation		Capstone Project		Master's Thesis		Coursework Only		Other		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
2. What was your scholarly product?	44	8.0%	137	24.9%	87	15.8%	181	32.9%	101	18.4%	550

Section B: Overall Satisfaction

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

Question Text	Response												Total	Mean
	Very Dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied		Satisfied		Very Satisfied					
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%				
Your academic experience at ECU	3	0.6%	15	2.8%	17	3.2%	202	37.5%	301	55.9%	538	4.5		
Your student life experience at ECU	3	0.6%	16	3.0%	171	32.2%	160	30.1%	181	34.1%	531	3.9		
Your overall experience at ECU	3	0.6%	13	2.4%	27	5.1%	220	41.4%	269	50.6%	532	4.4		

	Response												Total	Mean
	Very Unprepared		Unprepared		Neither Prepared nor Unprepared		Prepared		Very Prepared		Don't Know			
Question Text	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?	3	0.6%	6	1.1%	27	5.0%	242	44.9%	260	48.2%	0	0	539	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.

	Response												Total	Mean
	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		N/A			
Question Text	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Internship	5	1.0%	8	1.6%	35	6.8%	52	10.1%	143	27.7%	273	52.9%	516	4.3
Externship	1	0.2%	5	1.0%	11	2.2%	30	6.0%	41	8.3%	408	82.3%	496	4.2
Practicum	5	1.0%	18	3.6%	34	6.7%	79	15.6%	108	21.3%	262	51.8%	506	4.1
Clinical placement	4	0.8%	9	1.8%	19	3.8%	56	11.2%	94	18.7%	320	63.7%	502	4.2
Volunteer work	5	1.0%	10	2.0%	26	5.3%	37	7.5%	38	7.7%	379	76.6%	495	3.8
Other (specify)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	1.0%	6	1.9%	24	7.7%	278	89.4%	311	4.6

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	17	3.3%	30	5.7%	90	17.2%	79	15.1%	125	23.9%	181	34.7%	522	3.8
Information technology (IT) resources	7	1.3%	18	3.4%	98	18.7%	119	22.8%	144	27.5%	137	26.2%	523	4.0
Your personal work space (e.g., desk or office)	6	1.1%	14	2.7%	60	11.5%	64	12.2%	106	20.3%	273	52.2%	523	4.0
Library and electronic research resources	1	0.2%	11	2.1%	84	16.0%	162	30.9%	229	43.6%	38	7.2%	525	4.2
Laboratory, clinical, studio, or other physical facilities	0	0.0%	14	2.7%	34	6.5%	72	13.8%	99	19.0%	301	57.9%	520	4.2
University Writing Center	4	0.8%	17	3.3%	47	9.0%	60	11.5%	90	17.3%	302	58.1%	520	4.0
Office for Equity and Diversity	2	0.4%	7	1.3%	31	6.0%	43	8.3%	77	14.8%	359	69.2%	519	4.2
Office of Global Affairs	3	0.6%	7	1.4%	22	4.2%	26	5.0%	57	11.0%	403	77.8%	518	4.1
Graduate School	4	0.8%	23	4.4%	95	18.3%	135	26.0%	223	42.9%	40	7.7%	520	4.1
Career Services	2	0.4%	14	2.7%	51	9.9%	53	10.3%	74	14.3%	323	62.5%	517	3.9
Office for Faculty Excellence	0	0.0%	6	1.2%	29	5.6%	32	6.2%	71	13.7%	381	73.4%	519	4.2
Office of Research Administration	0	0.0%	4	0.8%	26	5.0%	27	5.2%	66	12.7%	396	76.3%	519	4.3
Office of Innovation and New Ventures	1	0.2%	4	0.8%	17	3.3%	20	3.9%	51	9.8%	425	82.0%	518	4.2
Graduate Assistant funding	13	2.5%	17	3.3%	46	8.9%	41	7.9%	67	12.9%	335	64.5%	519	3.7

Question Text	Response				
	Yes		No		Total
	N	%	N	%	
2. Were you a teaching assistant (TA) at any time during your graduate studies?	81	15.4%	444	84.6%	525

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)	122	23.2%	178	33.8%	39	7.4%	187	35.6%	526

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

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Assistantship	96	9.1%
Fellowship/Scholarship	106	10.1%
Grant	89	8.4%
Federal Student Loans	224	21.3%
Private Loans	43	4.1%
Personal Funds (Savings)	249	23.6%
Family Funds (Spouse/Parental)	95	9.0%
Employer Tuition Support/Benefit	115	10.9%
Military/Veteran Benefit	22	2.1%
Other	15	1.4%
Total	1054	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	29	33.3%	37	42.5%	21	24.1%	87
Fellowship/Scholarship	24	27.3%	40	45.5%	24	27.3%	88
Grant	10	14.1%	45	63.4%	16	22.5%	71
Federal student loans	185	85.6%	23	10.6%	8	3.7%	216
Private loans	16	43.2%	13	35.1%	8	21.6%	37
Personal funds (savings)	100	45.5%	81	36.8%	39	17.7%	220
Family funds (spouse/parental)	37	43.5%	30	35.3%	18	21.2%	85
Employer tuition support/benefit	58	53.7%	35	32.4%	15	13.9%	108
Military/veteran benefit	18	85.7%	2	9.5%	1	4.8%	21
Other	5	55.6%	1	11.1%	3	33.3%	9

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?	292	56.8%	203	39.5%	19	3.7%	514

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	43	8.3%
\$ 10,000 - \$ 19,999	56	10.8%
\$ 20,000 - \$ 29,999	50	9.7%
\$ 30,000 - \$ 39,999	27	5.2%
\$ 40,000 - \$ 49,999	25	4.8%
\$ 50,000 - \$ 59,000	21	4.1%
\$ 60,000 - \$ 69,999	15	2.9%
\$ 70,000 or More	46	8.9%
Don't Know	25	4.8%
Did not borrow	209	40.4%
Total	517	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	208	40.3%
Have a definite commitment for a postdoctoral fellowship ("postdoc") or further training	12	2.3%
Have a definite commitment for an internship or clinical residency	5	1.0%
Have a definite commitment for employment (non-"postdoc")	103	20.0%
Negotiating with one or more specific organizations	23	4.5%
Seeking position but have no specific prospects	115	22.3%
Other full-time degree program (PhD, MD, DDS, JD, MBA, etc.)	22	4.3%
Other, (please specify)	19	3.7%
Do not plan to work or study (due to family commitments, etc.)	2	0.4%
I don't know yet	7	1.4%
Total	516	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	96	19.2%
Private Sector (other than educational institution): Industry (for profit)	128	25.5%
Education: U.S. 4-year college or university other than medical school	46	9.2%
Education: U.S. medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical school)	9	1.8%
Education: U.S. university-affiliated research institute	16	3.2%
Education: U.S. community or two-year college	17	3.4%
Education: U.S. preschool, elementary, middle, secondary school or school system	99	19.8%
Education: Foreign educational institution	2	0.4%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. federal government	20	4.0%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. state government	20	4.0%
Government (other than educational institution): U.S. local government	14	2.8%
Self-employed	4	0.8%
Other, (specify)	30	6.0%
Total	501	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	392	77.8%
Not in North Carolina but elsewhere in the United States (specify)	76	15.1%
Outside of the United States	1	0.2%
Don't Know	35	6.9%
Total	504	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	345	68.7%
Somewhat Related	88	17.5%
Not Related	21	4.2%
Don't Know	18	3.6%
I have no post-graduate employment	30	6.0%
Total	502	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	4	19.0%
I was not offered any positions related to my graduate field of study	5	23.8%
I could not find positions related to my graduate field of study which paid enough	2	9.5%
My career goals have changed	6	28.6%
Other (specify)	4	19.0%
Total	21	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	2	0.4%	6	1.2%	52	10.4%	161	32.3%	144	28.9%	133	26.7%	498	4.2
Opportunities for disseminating or publishing research thesis/dissertation	0	0.0%	12	2.4%	58	11.6%	113	22.6%	101	20.2%	215	43.1%	499	4.1
Research ethics training and understanding	1	0.2%	8	1.6%	46	9.2%	182	36.5%	158	31.7%	103	20.7%	498	4.2
Opportunities for creative expression	2	0.4%	13	2.6%	62	12.5%	153	30.8%	165	33.2%	102	20.5%	497	4.2
Training and preparation for entrepreneurial thinking	11	2.2%	18	3.6%	69	13.9%	127	25.6%	107	21.5%	165	33.2%	497	3.9
Support to develop intellectual property	7	1.4%	16	3.2%	57	11.4%	134	26.9%	117	23.5%	167	33.5%	498	4.0
Interactions with thesis/dissertation committee	4	0.8%	6	1.2%	37	7.4%	77	15.5%	106	21.3%	267	53.7%	497	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	2	0.4%	21	4.2%	133	26.7%	342	68.7%			498	3.6
Respect diverse talents and ways of learning	6	1.2%	35	7.0%	141	28.3%	317	63.5%			499	3.5
Encourage you to be an actively involved learner	6	1.2%	23	4.6%	119	23.9%	350	70.3%			498	3.6
Encourage student-faculty interaction	10	2.0%	45	9.0%	119	23.9%	324	65.1%			498	3.5
Give you frequent and prompt feedback	12	2.4%	48	9.6%	144	28.9%	294	59.0%			498	3.4
Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework	4	0.8%	25	5.0%	124	24.9%	345	69.3%			498	3.6
Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students	8	1.6%	42	8.5%	123	24.7%	324	65.2%			497	3.5
Care about your academic success and welfare	9	1.8%	38	7.6%	113	22.7%	338	67.9%			498	3.6
Overall, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?	4	0.8%	28	5.6%	138	27.8%	327	65.8%			497	3.6

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	8	1.6%	37	7.4%	109	21.8%	326	65.2%	20	4.0%	500	3.6
Responsiveness of advisor	10	2.0%	45	9.0%	107	21.4%	317	63.5%	20	4.0%	499	3.5
Accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing	13	2.6%	36	7.2%	117	23.5%	321	64.5%	11	2.2%	498	3.5
Knowledge of university policies and procedures	8	1.6%	39	7.8%	127	25.5%	300	60.1%	25	5.0%	499	3.5
Academic advising services overall	17	3.4%	38	7.6%	117	23.4%	305	61.1%	22	4.4%	499	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											
	Not at All		Very Little		Somewhat		Very Much		Don't Know		Total	Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Knowledge in your program	0	0.0%	6	1.2%	72	14.4%	420	84.2%	1	0.2%	499	3.8
Problem solving skills	1	0.2%	21	4.2%	116	23.2%	359	71.9%	2	0.4%	499	3.7
Technical skills	2	0.4%	28	5.6%	134	27.0%	329	66.3%	3	0.6%	496	3.6
Communication skills	3	0.6%	33	6.6%	110	22.0%	351	70.3%	2	0.4%	499	3.6
Personal development	5	1.0%	19	3.8%	93	18.7%	380	76.5%	0	0.0%	497	3.7
Opportunities to develop leadership skills	9	1.8%	41	8.2%	115	23.1%	330	66.4%	2	0.4%	497	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 Text	Response											
	Poor		Fair		Good		Excellent		Don't Know /Did Not Use		Total	Mean
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Face-to-face instruction	0	0.0%	13	2.7%	74	15.1%	190	38.9%	212	43.4%	489	3.6
Web-based instruction and activities	9	1.8%	40	8.1%	163	33.1%	268	54.5%	12	2.4%	492	3.4
Web-based course materials	7	1.4%	37	7.5%	172	35.0%	267	54.4%	8	1.6%	491	3.4
E-mail exchanges with instructor and other students	5	1.0%	29	5.9%	166	33.8%	289	58.9%	2	0.4%	491	3.5
Two-way interactive (live) video	1	0.2%	38	7.7%	151	30.8%	225	45.8%	76	15.5%	491	3.4
All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your program?	3	0.6%	32	6.5%	146	29.8%	308	62.9%	1	0.2%	490	3.6

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?	377	76.8%	114	23.2%	491

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	52	10.6%
Most of my courses were taught face-to-face	70	14.3%
Some courses were taught face-to-face and some were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	61	12.4%
Most of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	60	12.2%
All of my courses were taught online or via some other non-face-to-face method	248	50.5%
Total	491	100%

9. Which library have you used the most?

Question Text	Response	
	N	%
Joyner Library	243	49.5%
Laupus Library	145	29.5%
Music Library	2	0.4%
Did not use these libraries	101	20.6%
Total	491	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	2	0.4%	3	0.6%	22	4.5%	137	28.0%	286	58.4%	40	8.2%	490	4.6
Effectiveness of print library resources for your learning experience	2	0.4%	2	0.4%	18	3.7%	89	18.1%	156	31.8%	224	45.6%	491	4.5
Library space for individual student work	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	14	2.9%	74	15.1%	151	30.8%	251	51.1%	491	4.6
Library space for group work	0	0.0%	4	0.8%	14	2.9%	66	13.5%	137	28.0%	269	54.9%	490	4.5
Training/instruction for using library resources	4	0.8%	5	1.0%	34	7.0%	111	22.7%	163	33.3%	172	35.2%	489	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	4	0.8%	10	2.0%	44	9.0%	152	31.1%	124	25.4%	155	31.7%	489	4.1
Extracurricular programs positively impacted my personal development	6	1.2%	11	2.2%	47	9.6%	83	17.0%	82	16.8%	260	53.2%	489	4.0
My leadership skills/capacities have been strengthened through my involvement in activities and programs, organizations, and other services	7	1.4%	9	1.8%	49	10.0%	94	19.2%	124	25.4%	206	42.1%	489	4.1