

## Graduate Student Exit Survey

Please evaluate your graduate education by taking a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. Be assured that the information you provide will remain confidential and your answers to the questions will in no way affect your relations with the faculty, staff, or the Graduate School of Wichita State University. The feedback you provide is important and will provide information that will enable WSU to improve the quality of its graduate education. Thank you for your cooperation. (v8.1)

### SECTION I: DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM (Questions about your program of study)

#### A. PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTION

*Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.*

- |  | Agree                 | Disagree              |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. My program provided written or online material about the program's requirements.....                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Faculty/staff were well-informed about program degree requirements.....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Faculty/staff were accessible.....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4a. On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall satisfaction with your program |                       |                       |
| Very Dissatisfied  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Very Satisfied   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4b. Thinking about your entire degree program, how competent do you feel in terms of:                                |                       |                       |
| the content in your major:   | Low                   | High                  |

*Please answer the following questions below about the courses you took during your graduate studies.*

5. What TIME of day do you **most** PREFER to attend courses (**check only one**)?
- Morning)                       Afternoon                       Evening                       No preference
6. What DAY(S) do you **most** PREFER to attend courses (**check only one**)?
- Monday                       Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
 Tuesday                       Monday, Wednesday  
 Wednesday                       Tuesday, Thursday  
 Thursday                       Other  
 Weekend                       No preference

*Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.*

- |  | Agree                     | Disagree                 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7. My classes were offered at times convenient to my schedule.....                         | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>    |
| 8. Course offerings by my program enabled me to complete my degree in a timely manner..... | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>    |
| 9a. Did you enroll in online courses for your degree? .....                                | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |

*Please rate the following aspects of your overall graduate education at WSU.*

10. Your satisfaction with the feedback provided by faculty about your course work?
- Very Dissatisfied                     Very Satisfied
11. Your satisfaction with the quality of instruction in courses *required* by your program?
- Very Dissatisfied                     Very Satisfied
- 12a. For your academic program, did you perform volunteer or community-based service?.....  Yes     No
- 12b. When performing volunteer or community-based service, how many hours per week did you usually perform this service \_\_\_\_\_

#### B.1. ACADEMIC ADVISING (for enrollment and course related activities, not research advising)

13. Did you generally receive academic advising **BEFORE** registering for classes?.....  Yes     No
14. Approximately how many times per semester did you meet or communicate with an advisor for academic advising?
- none     once     twice     three or more

*Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.*

- |   | Agree                 | Disagree              |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 15. My academic advisor was usually accessible for advising.....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. My academic advisor was knowledgeable about requirements in my major.....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 17. My academic advisor made clear the requirements I needed to complete my degree.....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. My academic advisor provided information to help me select courses.....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. My academic advisor notified me of graduate school deadlines.....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 20. My academic advisor assisted me in preparing graduate school and department forms.....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 21. On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall level of satisfaction with the academic advising you have received. |                       |                       |
| Very Dissatisfied   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Very Satisfied  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

**B.2. RESEARCH ADVISING (Dissertation, Thesis, or Master's Project advising on research)**

22. During a typical semester, about how often did you meet or communicate with a research advisor about your dissertation, thesis or master's project?       none    once    twice    three or more    N/A

*Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.*      **Agree**      **Disagree**      **N/A**

23. My advisor was accessible when I wanted to talk about my research.....

24. My advisor provided feedback about rough drafts of my research.....

25. My advisor provided useful advice about preparing for my research defense.....

26. On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall level of satisfaction with the advising you received about your dissertation, thesis, or masters project.

Very Dissatisfied                  Very Satisfied    N/A

**C. TECHNOLOGY**

27. Was it necessary to have access to WSU technology (computers, specialized software, internet, lab or field equipment) in order to complete your graduate course work?

Yes    No

**On a scale of one (not at all accessible) to five (very accessible), rate the level of accessibility to each of the following:**

	<b>Not at all Accessible</b>			<b>Very Accessible</b>			<b>N/A</b>
27a. Computers (wordprocessing, spreadsheets, etc.).....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27b. Internet access.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27c. Laboratory or field equipment.....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27d. Specialized software (statistical, programming, CAD, etc).....	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27e. On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall satisfaction with the WSU technology?

Very Dissatisfied                  Very Satisfied

**SECTION II. GRADUATE SCHOOL (Questions about your contact with the Graduate School)**

28. Which of the following did you use **most frequently** to contact the Graduate School Office (**check only one**)?

In-person    Mail    Phone    Email    Webpage

29. For what reasons did you contact the Graduate School office in person, mail, phone, website, or email (**check all that apply**)?

<input type="radio"/> Obtain/submit forms	<input type="radio"/> Regulations
<input type="radio"/> Admission	<input type="radio"/> Program information
<input type="radio"/> Enrollment	<input type="radio"/> Assistantships, awards, grants
<input type="radio"/> Exceptions	<input type="radio"/> Financial aid eligibility
<input type="radio"/> Plan of Study	<input type="radio"/> Health insurance
<input type="radio"/> Degree completion	<input type="radio"/> Graduate School Bulletin
<input type="radio"/> Deadlines	

*Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.*      **Agree**      **Disagree**      **N/A**

30. The staff in the Graduate School were courteous.....

31. The staff in the Graduate School appeared knowledgeable.....

32. The staff in the Graduate School processed my request in a timely manner.....

33. On a scale of one (least amount of expertise) to five (most amount of expertise), rate the level of expertise, at which you found the Graduate school staff to possess, when helping you through your graduate school career.

Least Expertise                  Most Expertise    N/A

*Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.*      **Agree**      **Disagree**

34. I knew the purpose of my plan of study.....

35. I knew the purpose of the application for degree card.....

36. Graduate School forms for my degree completion were easily accessible.....

37. I knew the deadlines for degree completion requirements.....

**Recall when you first made the decision to pursue graduate studies. How important was each of the following reasons in making this decision?**

	<b>Important</b>	<b>Not Important</b>
38. A higher degree will open up job opportunities.....	O	O
39. My employer provided a tuition waiver.....	O	O
40. Scholarships/fellowships/assistanships.....	O	O
41. Location of WSU.....	O	O
42. Reputation of WSU or your department and/or faculty.....	O	O
43. An undergraduate advisor.....	O	O
44. Recommendations from family or friends.....	O	O
45. Advertisements from WSU.....	O	O

**SECTION III. WSU LIBRARIES**

On a scale of one (very dissatisfied) to five (very satisfied), rate your overall satisfaction with the main WSU library:

	Very <u>D</u> issatisfied			Very Satisfied		
46. Convenient hours.....	O	O	O	O	O	O
47. Access to online resources.....	O	O	O	O	O	O
48. Resources for class and research.....	O	O	O	O	O	O
49. Helpfulness of Library faculty/staff.....	O	O	O	O	O	O
50. Overall satisfaction.....	O	O	O	O	O	O

**SECTION IV. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Please indicate the approximate number of **SEMESTERS** you have received each type of financial support.

	None	1 -2	3-4	5-6	7 or more
51. Teaching assistantship.....	O	O	O	O	O
52. Research assistantship.....	O	O	O	O	O
53. Staff office assistanship.....	O	O	O	O	O
54. Fellowship/Scholarship.....	O	O	O	O	O
55. Research Grant.....	O	O	O	O	O
56. Financial aid.(need-based).....	O	O	O	O	O
57. Personal/family funding.....	O	O	O	O	O
58. Off campus employment.....	O	O	O	O	O
59. Bank Loans.....	O	O	O	O	O
60. Employer tuition waiver.....	O	O	O	O	O
61. Other funding.....	O	O	O	O	O
62. Of the funding sources listed above in questions 51-61, which were your most important sources of support during your graduate studies?:	Most important(62a) _____ Second most important(62b) _____				

63. Throughout your graduate education, about how much money did you borrow for education purposes?
- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Did not obtain loans | <input type="radio"/> \$15,000 - \$19,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$40,000 - \$44,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> below \$1,000        | <input type="radio"/> \$20,000 - \$24,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$45,000 - \$49,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$1,000 - \$4,999    | <input type="radio"/> \$25,000 - \$29,999 | <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 or more    |
| <input type="radio"/> \$5,000 - \$9,999    | <input type="radio"/> \$30,000 - \$34,999 |   |
| <input type="radio"/> \$10,000 - \$14,999  | <input type="radio"/> \$35,000 - \$39,999 |   |

64. During your graduate education at WSU, did you work for an employer off-campus?  Yes  No

**SECTION V. FUTURE CAREER**

65. How useful do you feel your academic program was in preparing you for your career:
- Not very useful      Very useful
66. Made plans for a job after graduation?.....  Yes  No
67. In terms of your academic program, is this job:... directly related  indirectly related  not related
68. Have you accepted a job out of state or country?.....  Yes  No
69. Please enter annual salary for your new job (whole numbers).....(\$\_\_ \_\_\_\_, \_\_ \_\_ \_\_)

Six months after graduation, the University would like to follow-up with you in regard to your experiences at WSU including how prepared you feel for employment after graduation.

May we have your permission to contact you by email?.....  Yes  No  
(your email will not be used or released for any other purpose)