

2005-2007 University of Massachusetts-Amherst Graduating Senior Survey

Departmental Results

Communication

3 Year Summary (Calendar Years 2005 - 2007)

Total Graduates: 1,080
 Survey Respondents: 717
Response Rate: 66.4%

Satisfaction with Major

Within your major, how satisfied are you with:

	(N)	Very Satisfied (4)	Somewhat Satisfied (3)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Item Mean
The accessibility of faculty.	688	51.6%	39.1%	7.4%	1.9%	3.4
The quality of teaching.	690	53.3%	40.1%	4.9%	1.6%	3.5
Academic advising.	689	32.5%	35.7%	20.2%	11.6%	2.9
Faculty concern for your academic progress.	685	32.8%	41.9%	18.2%	7.0%	3.0
Writing preparation.	687	48.6%	39.3%	9.0%	3.1%	3.3
Access to classes.	690	46.4%	38.8%	12.0%	2.8%	3.3
*Career preparation and guidance.	276	25.7%	34.8%	28.6%	10.9%	2.8
Your overall experience.	689	48.8%	43.8%	5.4%	2.0%	3.4

*New item beginning in 2007

Overall Experience

How satisfied are you with your UMass Amherst experience overall?

	(N)	Very Satisfied (4)	Somewhat Satisfied (3)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Item Mean
How satisfied are you with your UMass Amherst experience overall?	714	64.3%	31.0%	3.6%	1.1%	3.6

Educational Experiences

While at UMass, did you participate in any of the following:

	(N)	Yes	No
Practicum, internship, field or coop experience, clinical assignment.	704	58.1%	41.9%
Community service or volunteer work.	697	56.1%	43.9%
Research project with faculty outside of course requirements.	691	19.1%	80.9%
Study abroad.	694	26.7%	73.3%
Culminating senior experience.	694	20.6%	79.4%

1 Year Summary (Calendar Year 2007)

Total Graduates: 361
 Survey Respondents: 283
Response Rate: 78.4%

Post UMass Plans

	(N)	Yes, a job related to my major	Yes, a job <i>not</i> related to my major	No, but I am looking	No, and I am <i>not</i> looking	
Do you have a job after graduation?	280	14.6%	15.4%	64.6%	5.4%	
			CT, RI, VT, ME, or NH	Other U.S. location	Outside the U.S.	
If so, where is your employer located?	79	58.2%	3.8%	30.4%	7.6%	
		Yes, I plan to attend this fall	Yes, in the next 2 years	Probably, but I'm not sure when	Maybe, no specific plans	No, I have no plans
Are you planning to attend graduate school?	283	4.9%	22.6%	24.0%	27.9%	20.5%
		MBA	Other Master's	Ph.D. or Ed.D.	M.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.V.M.	LL.B. OR J.D.
If you are attending this fall, what degree will you be seeking?	13	30.8%	38.5%	15.4%	0.0%	15.4%