

2016 UMass Amherst Graduating Senior Survey

Campus Summary

Graduates (Calendar Year 2016): 5586

Survey Respondents: 3934

Response Rate: 70.4%

SATISFACTION WITH UMASS AMHERST AND YOUR MAJOR

	(N)	Very Satisfied (4)	Somewhat Satisfied (3)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Item Mean
Overall experience						
How satisfied are you with your UMass Amherst experience OVERALL?	3918	68.5%	28.6%	2.3%	0.6%	3.6
Rate your satisfaction with each of the following aspects of your major:	(N)	Very Satisfied (4)	Somewhat Satisfied (3)	Somewhat Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Item Mean
The accessibility of faculty.	3841	65.6%	29.6%	4.3%	0.6%	3.6
The quality of teaching.	3836	58.1%	35.5%	5.5%	0.9%	3.5
Academic advising.	3823	48.6%	33.3%	13.8%	4.3%	3.3
Access to classes.	3827	58.9%	31.2%	8.4%	1.5%	3.5
Faculty concern for your academic progress.	3817	51.7%	36.9%	9.6%	1.8%	3.4
Writing preparation.	3827	53.9%	36.8%	8.1%	1.1%	3.4
Connections to the rest of your academics.	3821	50.5%	40.3%	8.0%	1.2%	3.4
Career preparation and guidance.	3835	46.0%	33.9%	15.7%	4.4%	3.2
Your overall experience.	3831	63.7%	32.0%	3.9%	0.4%	3.6

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Indicate whether or not you participated in each of the following while enrolled at UMass Amherst:

	(N)	Yes	No
Study abroad.	3882	22.6%	77.4%
Community service or volunteer work.	3879	56.9%	43.1%
Practicum, internship, field or coop experience, clinical assignment.	3877	66.1%	33.9%
Research with faculty outside of course/program requirements.	3872	28.9%	71.1%
Culminating senior experience.	3871	44.9%	55.1%

LEARNING OUTCOMES

To what extent did your experience at UMass Amherst contribute to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas:

	(N)	Very Much (4)	Quite a Bit (3)	Some (2)	Very Little (1)	Item Mean
Knowledge specific to your major.	3757	71.8%	23.3%	4.4%	0.5%	3.7
Relating to people different from you.	3733	59.0%	26.2%	11.8%	3.1%	3.4
Understanding your own strengths/weaknesses.	3739	61.9%	28.9%	8.1%	1.1%	3.5
Learning effectively on your own.	3739	67.7%	24.9%	6.4%	1.0%	3.6
Writing clearly and effectively.	3752	47.1%	36.0%	14.3%	2.6%	3.3
Speaking clearly and effectively.	3736	47.5%	33.1%	15.9%	3.5%	3.2
Thinking critically and analytically.	3746	62.0%	29.7%	7.3%	1.0%	3.5
Solving complex problems.	3744	55.6%	31.9%	11.1%	1.4%	3.4
Being an engaged member of society.	3741	49.0%	29.5%	16.3%	5.2%	3.2
Analyzing numerical and statistical information.	3737	47.6%	28.3%	17.6%	6.5%	3.2
Working effectively with others.	3735	60.3%	28.6%	9.5%	1.5%	3.5
Ethical decision making.	3737	53.1%	28.9%	13.4%	4.5%	3.3

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POST-GRADUATION: EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

Employment status	(N)	Accepted a full-time, paid job	Accepted a part-time, paid job	Seeking a full-time, paid job	Seeking a part-time, paid job	Will NOT be seeking paid employment	Other
Which of the following best describe(s) your employment status post-graduation?	3588	34.8%	7.4%	40.9%	3.8%	5.3%	7.8%
Annual salary	(N)	Less than \$30,000	\$30,000 to \$39,000	\$40,000 to \$49,000	\$50,000 to \$59,000	\$60,000 or more	
If you have accepted a paid job, what is your approximate annual salary?	1077	18.5%	13.9%	18.3%	24.2%	25.1%	
Location	(N)	Massachusetts	CT, RI, VT, ME, or NH	NY or NJ	Other U.S. location	Outside the U.S.	
If you have accepted a paid job, what is the location of your job?	1369	70.4%	7.4%	8.9%	10.6%	2.7%	

POST-GRADUATION: PLANS FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL**

Plans for graduate school	(N)	Will be enrolled next year full-time	Will be enrolled next year part-time	Plan to enroll in the next 2 years	No immediate plans to enroll		
Which best describes your plans for graduate school post-graduation?	3508	16.1%	1.4%	32.2%	50.4%		
Graduate degree	(N)	MBA	Other Masters degree	Law degree	Medical or veterinary degree	Doctoral degree	Other
If you will attend graduate school this fall, what graduate degree will you be seeking?	526	3.6%	64.4%	4.8%	9.7%	10.5%	7.0%

**The 2016 survey was administered to seniors attending the Undergraduate Commencement Fair on April 27th and to seniors picking up their caps and gowns in the Campus Center the first week in May. A small number of seniors completed the survey online from July 25th - August 22nd.

Survey methods and results at: www.umass.edu/oapa/oapa/reports/senior_survey. Office of Academic Planning and Assessment, 12/01/2016