

2017 UMass Amherst Graduating Senior Survey

Campus Summary

Graduates (Calendar Year 2017): 5881

Survey Respondents: 4181

Response Rate: 71.1%

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?	4140	70.9%	25.8%	2.6%	0.7%	3.7
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.	4011	65.6%	29.3%	4.2%	0.9%	3.6
The quality of teaching.	4004	58.8%	35.3%	5.0%	0.9%	3.5
Academic advising.	4000	47.7%	32.1%	14.6%	5.7%	3.2
Access to classes.	3991	59.3%	30.5%	8.2%	2.0%	3.5
Faculty concern for your academic progress.	3989	51.7%	36.8%	9.0%	2.5%	3.4
Writing preparation.	3991	53.6%	37.8%	6.8%	1.8%	3.4
Connections to the rest of your academics.	3989	51.3%	39.9%	7.3%	1.4%	3.4
Career preparation and guidance.	4005	44.3%	35.0%	15.7%	5.0%	3.2
Your overall experience.	4003	63.3%	32.6%	3.5%	0.7%	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.	4131	22.4%	77.6%
Community service or volunteer work.	4124	58.8%	41.2%
Practicum, internship, field or coop experience, clinical assignment.	4119	67.8%	32.2%
Research with faculty outside of course/program requirements.	4111	29.3%	70.7%
Culminating senior experience.	4126	45.1%	54.9%

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.	4052	71.1%	23.7%	4.5%	0.7%	3.7
Writing clearly and effectively.	4049	46.9%	35.3%	15.4%	2.4%	3.3
Speaking clearly and effectively.	4034	46.6%	33.9%	16.4%	3.1%	3.2
Thinking critically and analytically.	4031	63.5%	28.9%	6.8%	0.9%	3.5
Solving complex problems.	4020	56.8%	30.8%	10.7%	1.7%	3.4
Being an engaged member of society.	4028	48.8%	29.2%	17.6%	4.4%	3.2
Analyzing numerical and statistical information.	4024	48.5%	27.4%	17.5%	6.6%	3.2
Working effectively with others.	4031	59.2%	29.4%	9.8%	1.5%	3.5
Ethical decision making.	4028	54.1%	29.7%	12.3%	3.9%	3.3
Relating to people different from you.	4033	57.0%	28.3%	11.6%	3.1%	3.4
Understanding your own strengths/weaknesses.	4031	60.8%	30.0%	7.9%	1.3%	3.5
Learning effectively on your own.	4037	66.2%	26.4%	6.4%	1.0%	3.6

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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?	3903	34.4%	6.4%	41.4%	3.7%	5.7%	8.4%
Annual salary	(N)	Less than \$30,000	\$30,000 to \$39,000	\$40,000 to \$49,000	\$50,000 to \$59,000	\$60,000 to \$69,000	\$70,000 or more
If you have accepted a paid job, what is your approximate annual salary?	1166	13.6%	14.1%	16.9%	21.7%	17.2%	16.5%
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?	1458	71.9%	6.6%	6.9%	11.9%	2.6%	

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?	3786	16.7%	2.0%	32.3%	48.9%		
Graduate degree	(N)	MBA	Other Masters degree	Law degree	Medical or Veterinary degree	PhD or EdD	Other Doctoral degree
If you will attend graduate school this fall, what graduate degree will you be seeking?	615	3.4%	65.2%	6.7%	8.3%	11.5%	4.9%

**The 2017 survey was administered to seniors attending the Undergraduate Commencement Fair on May 2nd 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 26th - August 22nd.

Survey methods and results at: www.umass.edu/oapa/oapa/reports/senior_survey. Office of Academic Planning and Assessment, 11/13/2017