

2017 UMass Amherst Graduating Senior Survey
College of Information and Computer Sciences

Graduates (Calendar Year 2017): 205

Survey Respondents: 138

Response Rate: 67.3%

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?	137	59.1%	30.7%	8.0%	2.2%	3.5
Rate your satisfaction with each of the following aspects of your major:						
The accessibility of faculty.	136	56.6%	33.8%	8.8%	0.7%	3.5
The quality of teaching.	135	51.1%	37.8%	8.1%	3.0%	3.4
Academic advising.	136	28.7%	35.3%	22.8%	13.2%	2.8
Access to classes.	135	31.9%	37.0%	23.0%	8.1%	2.9
Faculty concern for your academic progress.	136	33.8%	42.6%	16.9%	6.6%	3.0
Writing preparation.	135	40.7%	43.7%	12.6%	3.0%	3.2
Connections to the rest of your academics.	136	39.7%	47.1%	8.1%	5.1%	3.2
Career preparation and guidance.	136	36.8%	36.8%	16.9%	9.6%	3.0
Your overall experience.	136	57.4%	34.6%	4.4%	3.7%	3.5

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

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

	(N)	Yes	No
Study abroad.	138	5.8%	94.2%
Community service or volunteer work.	138	26.8%	73.2%
Practicum, internship, field or coop experience, clinical assignment.	138	72.5%	27.5%
Research with faculty outside of course/program requirements.	138	27.5%	72.5%
Culminating senior experience.	137	16.1%	83.9%

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.	133	73.7%	19.5%	3.8%	3.0%	3.6
Writing clearly and effectively.	132	26.5%	33.3%	25.8%	14.4%	2.7
Speaking clearly and effectively.	131	29.0%	24.4%	34.4%	12.2%	2.7
Thinking critically and analytically.	132	62.1%	25.8%	7.6%	4.5%	3.5
Solving complex problems.	129	71.3%	21.7%	4.7%	2.3%	3.6
Being an engaged member of society.	131	30.5%	25.2%	30.5%	13.7%	2.7
Analyzing numerical and statistical information.	132	65.2%	26.5%	5.3%	3.0%	3.5
Working effectively with others.	132	42.4%	32.6%	20.5%	4.5%	3.1
Ethical decision making.	132	31.8%	31.1%	24.2%	12.9%	2.8
Relating to people different from you.	132	40.2%	28.0%	18.9%	12.9%	3.0
Understanding your own strengths/weaknesses.	132	53.0%	27.3%	14.4%	5.3%	3.3
Learning effectively on your own.	132	61.4%	31.8%	3.8%	3.0%	3.5

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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?	132	53.8%	2.3%	33.3%	0.0%	6.1%	4.5%
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?	64	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	7.8%	89.1%
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?	71	70.4%	8.5%	1.4%	19.7%	0.0%	

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?	125	15.2%	2.4%	14.4%	68.0%		
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?	21	0.0%	90.5%	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%	0.0%

**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.