

2018 UMass Amherst Graduating Senior Survey

Campus Summary

Graduates (Calendar Year 2018): 6085

Survey Respondents: 3505

Response Rate: 57.6%

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?	3471	68.4%	28.9%	2.2%	0.6%	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.	3334	64.5%	30.4%	4.5%	0.7%	3.6
The quality of teaching.	3337	54.7%	38.4%	5.9%	1.0%	3.5
Academic advising.	3326	48.7%	32.7%	13.3%	5.3%	3.2
Access to classes.	3322	59.5%	29.7%	9.2%	1.5%	3.5
Faculty concern for your academic progress.	3316	51.9%	37.8%	8.5%	1.8%	3.4
Writing preparation.	3322	52.0%	38.2%	7.9%	1.8%	3.4
Connections to the rest of your academics.	3309	48.9%	41.3%	8.2%	1.6%	3.4
Career preparation and guidance.	3329	44.3%	35.0%	15.7%	5.0%	3.2
Your overall experience.	3327	61.0%	34.7%	3.5%	0.8%	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.	3451	23.5%	76.5%
Community service or volunteer work.	3459	58.4%	41.6%
Practicum, internship, field or coop experience, clinical assignment.	3450	66.9%	33.1%
Research with faculty outside of course/program requirements.	3440	30.2%	69.8%
Culminating senior experience.	3464	46.3%	53.7%

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.	3370	68.6%	25.6%	5.5%	0.4%	3.6
Writing clearly and effectively.	3367	42.9%	37.2%	17.6%	2.4%	3.2
Speaking clearly and effectively.	3357	44.4%	35.0%	16.9%	3.7%	3.2
Thinking critically and analytically.	3354	61.0%	30.9%	7.2%	0.9%	3.5
Solving complex problems.	3360	54.7%	33.0%	10.8%	1.5%	3.4
Being an engaged member of society.	3354	47.1%	30.5%	17.5%	4.9%	3.2
Analyzing numerical and statistical information.	3345	45.2%	29.4%	18.9%	6.6%	3.1
Working effectively with others.	3350	57.6%	29.7%	11.2%	1.5%	3.4
Ethical decision making.	3360	52.5%	29.0%	14.2%	4.3%	3.3
Relating to people different from you.	3356	57.5%	27.0%	12.2%	3.3%	3.4
Understanding your own strengths/weaknesses.	3362	60.4%	29.0%	9.3%	1.3%	3.5
Learning effectively on your own.	3363	66.9%	25.6%	6.5%	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?	3221	34.7%	7.0%	38.8%	4.1%	7.2%	8.2%
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?	928	12.5%	14.0%	16.5%	19.0%	22.5%	15.5%
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?	1211	69.5%	6.5%	7.8%	13.9%	2.3%	

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?	3134	18.9%	2.0%	31.6%	47.5%		
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?	583	2.4%	68.3%	4.6%	9.4%	10.5%	4.8%

**The 2018 survey was administered to seniors attending the Undergraduate Commencement Fair on May 1st and to seniors picking up their caps and gowns in the Campus Center from May 7-10. A small number of seniors completed the survey online from July 26th - August 22nd.