

## **Class of 2020 Senior Survey**

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We are now about two weeks from the end of the semester, a time when you would typically celebrate your graduation on campus with friends, family, and the UMass Amherst community. While I realize the postponement of our 2020 Commencement ceremony is deeply disappointing, your graduation is a seminal accomplishment in your life, and I offer my heartfelt congratulations.

Amidst so many changes, one senior spring tradition remains the same, your Senior Survey. By gathering information about your academic experience in your major and post-graduation plans, the survey provides invaluable information for the university.

This year, given the challenges presented to the Class of 2020, it is especially important we hear from you, and I ask that you please participate. The voluntary survey takes only about 7 minutes and you may skip any questions you prefer not to answer. Your responses are confidential and will be grouped together with those of all your fellow 2020 graduates. No individuals will be identifiable in our reports.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Liz Williams, Director of Survey and Evaluation Research, at [oapa@umass.edu](mailto:oapa@umass.edu).

Thank you, in advance, for participating in your Senior Survey.

Be well, stay safe and GO UMASS!

Sincerely,

Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy

If you are ready to begin, click the “Next” button, below.

**Note: If you are interrupted while filling out the survey, and need to terminate your browser session, you can click on the survey link again and resume where you left off.**

**The first set of questions focuses on possibilities for rescheduling Class of 2020 commencement ceremonies.**

**Which type of future commencement ceremony appeals to you most?**

- A formal (caps & gowns), University-wide ceremony held on campus
- Less formal activities/gatherings held on campus, perhaps organized by Colleges/Schools or affinity groups
- Another type of event or gathering (please specify)

**Uncertain conditions dictated by the COVID-19 crisis make it difficult to reschedule the Class of 2020 Commencement ceremony at this time. Nevertheless, the University is considering a few possibilities for this important event and would appreciate your feedback.**

**Please try your best -- given current uncertainties -- to indicate how likely you would be to attend on-campus Commencement activities if held in December 2020 or May 2021.**

	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Likely
December 2020	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
May 2021	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**The next few questions ask about your experiences with this Spring's transition to remote instruction.**

**Please reflect on your own experiences transitioning to remote learning over the past few weeks. How easy or difficult have you found this transition overall?**

- Very Easy
- Somewhat Easy
- Somewhat Difficult
- Very Difficult

**How do you think the switch to remote instruction impacted your learning and skill development this semester?**

- The switch enhanced my learning and skill development substantially

- The switch enhanced my learning and skill development somewhat
- I don't think the switch impacted my learning and skill development
- The switch diminished my learning and skill development somewhat
- The switch diminished my learning and skill development substantially

**How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with how the University supported you -- as a graduating senior -- in the transition to remote learning?**

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Somewhat Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

**The next set of questions asks you to reflect on your overall experience in your major -- over your entire time at UMass Amherst.**

**What is your major? (If you have more than one major, please indicate the major you wish to rate in this survey.)**

**Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following aspects of this major.**

***(Screen 1 of 2)***

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
The accessibility of faculty in your major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The quality of teaching in your major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic advising in your major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to classes in your major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Faculty concern for your academic progress	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following aspects of this major.**

***(Screen 2 of 2)***

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Writing preparation in your major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connections to the rest of your academics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Career preparation and guidance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your overall experience in your major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**What suggestions do you have for your department/program for improving students' experiences in your major?**

The next few sets of questions focus on your UMass Amherst experience overall.

Please indicate whether or not you participated in each activity while enrolled at UMass Amherst.

	Yes	No
Study Abroad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community service or volunteer work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience or clinical assignment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

*(Screen 1 of 2)*

	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Knowledge specific to your major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Writing clearly and effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Speaking clearly and effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thinking critically and analytically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solving complex problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being an engaged member of society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

***(Screen 2 of 2)***

	Very Much	Quite a Bit	Some	Very Little
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working effectively with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ethical decision making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relating to people different from you	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding your own strengths and weaknesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning effectively on your own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**How satisfied are you with your UMass Amherst experience overall?**

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat Satisfied
- Somewhat Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

**The final set of questions focuses on your post-graduation plans. We realize that the current crisis has brought with it upheaval and uncertainty that may be impacting your plans.**

**Please know that it is vital for UMass Amherst to gather information about graduates' employment and graduate school plans -- especially during this unsettled time. The**

confidential information you share will help us best support our recent graduates and better understand how the COVID-19 crisis has impacted the Class of 2020.

Before answering our specific questions about potential employment and/or graduate school, please share with us how the COVID-19 crisis has impacted your post-graduation plans and/or job search (if at all).

Which of the following best describe(s) your employment status post-graduation?

(Select all that apply.)

- I have accepted a full-time, paid job
- I have accepted a part-time, paid job
- I will be seeking a full-time, paid job
- I will be seeking a part-time, paid job
- I will not be seeking paid employment
- Other (please specify)

You indicated that you have accepted a paid job:

What is the title of your position?

What is the name of your company/organization?

What is your approximate annual salary?

*(Enter whole dollars, no cents. e.g. 43,500)*

What is the location of your job?

- Massachusetts
- CT, RI, VT, ME or NH
- NY or NJ
- Other U.S. location (please specify)
- Outside the U.S. (please specify)

**In what Massachusetts city/town is your job?**

**Which of the following best describes your plans for graduate school post-graduation?**

**(Select one.)**

- I will be enrolled next year full-time
- I will be enrolled next year part-time
- I plan to enroll in the next two years
- I have no immediate plans to enroll

**Will you be attending graduate school this fall?**

- Yes
- No

**What will be your field of study?**

**What institution will you be attending?**

**What graduate degree will you be seeking?**

- Master's of Business Administration (MBA)
- Other Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MSW, MSA)
- Law degree (JD, LL.M)
- Medical or Veterinary degree (MD, DO, DDS, DMD, DVM, OD)

- Doctoral degree (PhD, EdD)
- Other Doctoral degree (e.g., DNP, DPT, AuD, PharmD)

It is important for UMass Amherst to stay connected with alumni. What is your permanent email address?

Lastly, is there anything else you would like to share about your experiences at UMass Amherst?

**That concludes the survey.**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete it.**

**Congratulations on your graduation!**

**To exit the survey, click "Next."**

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