Eastern Kentucky University

2010 Graduate Degree Alumni Survey

Eastern Kentucky University has always prided itself in providing a quality education for its students. We are now in the process of evaluating quality and institutional effectiveness. You, as an EKU graduate, are essential in helping us with this project.

Please take a few moments to answer these questions about your graduate degree experience at EKU. All information from this survey is confidential: no individual will be identified in any analysis of the data. We truly appreciate your support and continued interest in EKU.

Q1  In what academic year did you graduate with your graduate degree from EKU?
   30.4%  2007-2008
   35.4%  2004-2005
   24.1%  1999-2000
   10.1%  Other

Q2  From what academic college did you graduate?
   19.0%  Arts & Sciences
   10.1%  Business & Technology
   44.3%  Education
   15.2%  Health Science
   11.4%  Justice & Safety

Q3  Please indicate your major:
   98.7%  

Q4  If you were choosing a university, would you choose the EKU Graduate School again?
   6.3%  Strongly Disagree
   3.8%  Disagree
   30.4%  Agree
   59.5%  Strongly Agree

Q5  I would recommend the EKU Graduate School to a friend.
   7.6%  Strongly Disagree
   3.8%  Disagree
   26.6%  Agree
   62.0%  Strongly Agree
Q6  How would you rate the quality of your graduate degree program?
   1.3% Poor
   5.1% Fair
   35.4% Good
   58.2% Excellent

Q7  How would you describe the level of academic challenge within your graduate degree program?
   1.3% Very Easy
   13.9% Easy
   64.6% Challenging
   20.3% Very Challenging

Q8  Please rate the level of effort you put forth toward your academic endeavors while at EKU:
   0.0% None
   2.5% Low
   27.8% Medium
   69.6% High

Q9  How would you rate the quality of graduate faculty instruction at EKU?
   1.3% Poor
   6.3% Fair
   41.8% Good
   50.6% Excellent

Q10 How would you rate the overall quality of graduate faculty's content expertise in your graduate degree program?
    0.0% Poor
    2.5% Fair
    36.7% Good
    59.5% Excellent

Q11 How would you rate the overall quality of graduate faculty's knowledge of real work expertise in your graduate degree program?
    1.3% Poor
    8.9% Fair
    45.6% Good
    44.3% Excellent
Q12 How often were the graduate faculty available outside of regular class time?
  0.0% Never
  2.5% Rarely
  16.5% Occasionally
  55.7% Frequently
  25.3% Always

Q13 While at EKU, I had opportunities to collaborate with graduate faculty and/or staff on projects outside the classroom.
  5.1% Never
  12.7% Rarely
  34.2% Occasionally
  32.9% Frequently
  13.9% Always

Q14 While at EKU, to what extent did you experience multiple types of teaching/learning techniques? (For example, use of Blackboard, group work, class discussions, use of technology, other interactive learning.)
  0.0% Never
  6.3% Rarely
  17.7% Occasionally
  51.9% Frequently
  24.1% Always

Q15 Where did you receive your bachelor's degree?
  43.0% EKU
  36.7% University or College in Kentucky other than EKU
  16.5% University or College outside of Kentucky
  2.5% Other Post-Secondary Institution in Kentucky
  1.3% Other Post-Secondary Institution outside of Kentucky

Q16 What is the highest degree you have obtained?
  69.6% Master's
  20.3% Rank I or II
  7.6% Specialist
  2.5% Ph.D.
  0.0% Professional (J.D., M.D., etc.)

Q17 My experience at EKU fostered a desire for additional education.
  5.1% Strongly Disagree
  11.4% Disagree
  58.2% Agree
  25.3% Strongly Agree
Q18 What plans, if any, do you have for continued education?

39.2% I have no plans for continued education.
12.7% Non-Degree Courses
1.3% Certificate or Associates Degree
2.5% Bachelor's Degree
8.9% Rank I or II
3.8% Master's Degree
19.0% Ph.D.
2.5% Professional (J.D., M.D., etc.)
10.1% Other

Q19 If you are currently enrolled in continuing education, what institution are you attending?

77.2% Not Applicable
7.6% EKU
3.8% University or College in Kentucky other than EKU
10.1% University or College outside of Kentucky
1.3% Other Post-Secondary Institution in Kentucky
0.0% Other Post-Secondary Institution outside of Kentucky

Q20 Please rate your agreement with the following:

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<tr>
<td>My graduate education at EKU fostered my ability to think creatively</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>My graduate education at EKU increased my ability to think critically.</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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<td>My graduate education at EKU strengthened my ability to communicate effectively.</td>
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<td>My graduate education at EKU prepared me for citizenship within my community.</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
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<td>While a graduate student, EKU was supportive of all students regardless of gender, race, class, sexuality, and disability.</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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Q21 Were you employed while attending EKU?

29.1% Part-time
62.0% Full-Time
8.9% Not Employed

Q22 If you were employed while attending EKU, approximately how many hours per week did you work?

3.8% Less than 10
10.1% 10 - 19 hours
11.4% 20 - 29 hours
10.1% 30 - 39 hours
54.4% 40 hours or more
Q23  What is your current employment status?
   5.1% Part-Time
   88.6% Full-Time
   0.0% Unemployed and seeking a position
   5.1% Unemployed and not seeking a position

Q24  Do you currently work in Kentucky?
   68.4% Yes
   24.1% No
   5.1% Not Applicable

Q25  How long did it take you to obtain your first full-time job after leaving EKU Graduate School?
   60.8% Had/Obtained a job before leaving EKU
   13.9% 1 - 3 months
   3.8% 3 - 6 months
   2.5% 6 - 12 months
   7.6% More than a year
   10.1% Not Applicable

Q26  To what degree is your current employment related to your EKU graduate degree?
   2.5% Not at all
   2.5% Very Little
   5.1% Little
   20.3% Much
   62.0% Very Much
   6.3% Not Applicable

Q27  My graduate education at EKU prepared me for employment.
   5.1% Strongly Disagree
   2.5% Disagree
   41.8% Agree
   49.4% Strongly Agree
Q28 While a graduate student at EKU, in what extra-curricular activities were you actively and consistently involved?
(Mark all that apply.)

- 72.2% None
- 7.6% Athletics/Intramural Sports
- 3.8% Greek Life
- 7.6% Student Organizations
- 12.7% Academic Organizations
- 3.8% Service Organizations
- 0.0% Residence Hall Sponsored Activities
- 7.6% Other

Q29 My involvement in the activities outside the classroom while at EKU has proven beneficial in various aspects of my life after college.

- 7.6% Strongly Disagree
- 13.9% Disagree
- 40.5% Agree
- 17.7% Strongly Agree

Q30 Please provide the most valuable aspect/strength of the EKU Graduate School:

81.0%

Q31 Please provide the most important recommendation to improve the EKU Graduate School:

58.2%

Q32 Please indicate your gender:

- 63.3% Female
- 35.4% Male
- 0.0% Transgender

Q33 Please indicate your race:

- 2.5% American Indian or Alaskan
- 1.3% Asian or Pacific Islander
- 5.1% Black (Non-Hispanic)
- 0.0% Hispanic
- 89.9% White
- 1.3% Other

Q34 Please indicate your permanent residency while attending EKU:

- 89.9% Kentucky resident, U.S. Citizen
- 8.9% Non-Kentucky resident, U.S. Citizen
- 1.3% International, Not a U.S. Citizen
Q35 Do you currently reside in Kentucky?
74.7% Yes
22.8% No

Q36 If you reside in Kentucky, do you currently reside in one of EKU's Service Region counties?
(Service Region: Bell, Boyle, Casey, Clay, Estill, Garrard, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Lincoln, Madison, McCreary, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne, and Whitley)
39.2% Yes
38.0% No
20.3% Not Applicable

Q37 Were you the first in your immediate family to complete a bachelor's degree?
36.7% Yes
60.8% No

Q38 What is your current individual income level?
7.6% $0 - $24,999
31.6% $25,000 - $49,999
46.8% $50,000 - $74,999
2.5% $75,000 - $99,000
7.6% $100,000 - $149,000
0.0% $150,000 or more

Q39 Would you like to be contacted by EKU regarding Homecoming, Alumni events, scholarship opportunities, giving, and volunteer services?
36.7% Yes
60.8% No

Q40 Is there any other information that you would like to receive from EKU?
31.6%