

# EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

## Survey of Graduate Degree Candidates

### 2010 - 2015

Congratulations on your academic accomplishments! The EKU faculty and staff join me in telling you that it is a particular pleasure to see our graduate students successfully complete their degrees. We hope your experiences at Eastern have been filled with increased knowledge and with many pleasant memories.

Please take a few moments to complete this questionnaire. Your honest responses will help us in our efforts to offer strong academic programs in a positive learning environment. Thank you and best wishes for continued success.

Doug Whitlock, President

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	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
How would you rate the quality of graduate instruction at EKU	0.3%	7.3%	51.2%	39.7%
How would you rate the quality of your graduate academic program.	0.3%	5.9%	46.7%	44.6%

#### **My graduate education enhanced my ability to:**

	<i>Not at All</i>	<i>Very Little</i>	<i>Somewhat</i>	<i>Quite a Bit</i>	<i>Very Much</i>
Locate information in my field quickly	0.3%	1.4%	9.8%	45.3%	40.8%
Understand research in my field	0.7%	1.7%	10.5%	46.3%	40.1%
Apply research in my field	1.0%	2.1%	11.1%	43.9%	41.5%
Speak effectively in my field	0.3%	1.0%	14.6%	48.4%	35.5%
Write effectively in my field	0.3%	2.1%	13.9%	44.6%	39.0%
Think effectively in my field	0.3%	0.0%	6.6%	40.8%	52.3%
Think critically in my field	0.3%	0.0%	8.0%	40.8%	50.5%
Assume leadership roles in my field	0.7%	2.1%	15.7%	47.7%	33.4%

	<i>Very Easy</i>	<i>Easy</i>	<i>Challenging</i>	<i>Very Challenging</i>
How would you describe the level of academic challenge within your graduate program?	0.3%	9.8%	69.0%	20.9%

	<i>Not at All</i>	<i>Very Little</i>	<i>Somewhat</i>	<i>Quite a Bit</i>	<i>Very Much</i>
To what extent has the content of your graduate training been an asset in helping you in your career/professional advancement?	1.0%	3.5%	18.1%	36.9%	40.4%

Which of the following were impediments to your progress toward degree completion? (Choose all that apply)

- 58.2% *None, my progress was not impeded*
- 12.2% *Classes were not offered*
- 1.7% *Classes were canceled*
- 3.1% *Lack of over-rides*
- 4.9% *Location of course offerings*
- 11.8% *Time of course offerings*
- 8.7% *Poor Advising*
- 1.7% *Lack of Graduate Assistant position*
- 4.9% *Lack or delay of university financial student support*
- 9.4% *Other*

Where did you receive your undergraduate degree?

- 48.8% *EKU*
- 28.9% *Other Kentucky university or college*
- 22.3% *Other university or college outside of Kentucky*

How many courses did you complete at ECU sites other than ECU main campus? 95.8%

How many online courses did you take? 97.9%

How many hours did you transfer into your ECU graduate program?

- 89.9% *None*
- 2.1% *One - Three*
- 2.1% *Four - Six*
- 1.7% *Seven - Nine*
- 2.1% *Ten - Twelve*
- 1.7% *More than Twelve*

Plans for immediate employment (choose all that apply):

- 50.9% *I will be continuing in my current position*
- 11.8% *I plan on working at a job I recently received*
- 0.7% *I plan on starting my own business*
- 32.1% *I am currently seeking employment*
- 8.0% *I have made no plans for employment but will soon do so*
- 1.0% *I do not plan on seeking employment*

## Location of Employment:

- 62.4% *In Kentucky*
- 12.9% *Outside of Kentucky*
- 11.1% *Plan to seek employment in Kentucky*
- 7.3% *Plan to seek employment outside of Kentucky*
- 5.6% *Not Applicable*

## Plans for additional graduate education (check all that apply):

- 54.0% *I have no plans for additional graduate work*
- 22.3% *I plan on completing additional graduate work at ECU*
- 4.5% *I plan on completing additional graduate work at another university or college in Kentucky*
- 5.2% *I plan on completing additional graduate work outside of Kentucky*
- 17.1% *I plan to pursue a Ph.D. program at a university or college in Kentucky*
- 8.0% *I plan to pursue a Ph.D. program at a university or college outside of Kentucky*
- 2.1% *I plan to attend professional school (law, medical, veterinarian) in Kentucky*
- 2.8% *I plan to attend professional school (law, medical, veterinarian) outside of Kentucky*

## In an average semester, how often were you in contact with the Graduate School?

- 39.7% *Never*
- 38.7% *Once a semester*
- 11.8% *Twice a semester*
- 2.8% *Once a month*
- 7.0% *More than once a month*

## Please rate your satisfaction of the following:

	<i>Very Unsatisfied</i>	<i>Unsatisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Very Satisfied</i>
Graduate School in regards to the admission process?	1.4%	3.8%	61.3%	33.4%
Graduate School in regards to the graduation process?	2.4%	11.8%	63.4%	22.0%

## Do you agree with the following?

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
The Graduate School provided accurate information to my inquires	1.0%	4.2%	67.2%	26.5%
The Graduate School was timely in responding to my inquiries	1.4%	6.6%	64.1%	27.5%
The Graduate School staff was courteous	1.4%	2.1%	62.0%	34.1%

  

	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
The Graduate School website was easy to navigate	3.1%	3.5%	11.8%	61.0%	20.6%
The Graduate School website provided information for which I was seeking	2.8%	0.3%	6.3%	65.9%	23.0%

Please provide comments regarding the Graduate School website.

25.4%

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
Academic program advising was easily accessible	2.1%	7.7%	52.3%	38.0%
The information I received in the advising process was accurate	2.1%	6.3%	55.1%	36.2%
The advising process in my program worked well	3.5%	9.1%	50.5%	35.5%

Please provide comments regarding the advising process.

26.8%

**Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following:**

	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Very Unsatisfied</i>	<i>Unsatisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Very Satisfied</i>
Online registration	0.7%	0.7%	3.1%	53.7%	41.5%
Course availability on main (Richmond) Campus	14.6%	0.3%	6.3%	47.4%	30.3%
Course availability at extended campus locations	65.2%	1.0%	4.2%	16.7%	12.2%
Availability of online courses	18.8%	1.0%	11.8%	45.3%	22.0%
Campus security/safety	19.2%	0.7%	2.1%	53.0%	24.0%
Availability of books at the ECU Bookstore	20.6%	3.1%	11.1%	48.8%	15.7%
Services at the ECU Bookstore	23.0%	0.7%	10.1%	50.9%	14.6%
Resources held by ECU Libraries	8.0%	0.7%	4.2%	54.4%	31.4%
Services at ECU Libraries	9.4%	0.3%	2.1%	51.9%	35.5%

Anticipated graduation date?

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Fall 2010 - Spring 2011 - Summer 2011	100.0%
Fall 2011 - Spring 2012 - Summer 2012	0.0%
Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 - Summer 2013	0.0%
Fall 2013 - Spring 2014 - Summer 2014	0.0%
Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 - Summer 2015	0.0%

Are you attending commencement?

52.3% *Yes*

47.4% *No*

Are you interested in a separate commencement for graduate students?

50.5% *Yes*

49.5% *No*

After graduation do you plan to reside in Kentucky?

76.3% *Yes*

23.3% *No*

If you plan to reside in Kentucky after graduation will you reside in one of EKU's Service Region Counties? (EKU's Service Region Counties include: Bell, Boyle, Casey, Clay, Estill, Garrard, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Lincoln, Madison, McCreary, Owsely, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne, and Whitley)

37.6% *Yes*

38.7% *No*

23.3% *Not Applicable*

Residence while an EKU Graduate Student

81.5% *Kentucky Resident, U.S. Citizen*

15.0% *Non-Kentucky Resident, U.S. Citizen*

2.8% *International, not a U.S. Citizen*

Student Status (for the majority of your graduate education)

47.4% *Full-Time (9 or more hours per semester)*

52.6% *Part-Time (8 or less hours per semester)*

In what academic college is your graduate program?

20.6% *Arts & Sciences*

2.4% *Business & Technology*

43.9% *Education*

16.4% *Health Sciences*

16.7% *Justice & Safety*