

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

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
How would you rate the quality of graduate instruction at EKU	1.1%	5.6%	50.6%	42.4%
How would you rate the quality of your graduate academic program.	1.1%	6.1%	48.6%	43.2%

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	0.5%	1.4%	9.8%	41.6%	45.9%
Understand research in my field	0.3%	1.3%	11.2%	42.5%	44.5%
Apply research in my field	0.6%	2.1%	15.2%	41.9%	40.1%
Speak effectively in my field	0.8%	2.2%	13.6%	46.2%	36.9%
Write effectively in my field	0.6%	2.7%	12.4%	42.7%	41.3%
Think effectively in my field	0.3%	1.6%	7.7%	44.0%	46.2%
Think critically in my field	0.3%	1.4%	9.5%	44.3%	44.5%
Assume leadership roles in my field	0.6%	2.1%	14.8%	49.6%	32.9%

	<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?	0.8%	10.1%	66.6%	22.3%

	<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?	0.6%	2.2%	17.2%	43.3%	36.0%

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

- 62.1% *None, my progress was not impeded*
- 12.7% *Classes were not offered*
- 2.1% *Classes were canceled*
- 2.6% *Lack of over-rides*
- 3.2% *Location of course offerings*
- 9.3% *Time of course offerings*
- 9.1% *Poor Advising*
- 3.0% *Lack of Graduate Assistant position*
- 4.7% *Lack or delay of university financial student support*
- 10.1% *Other*

Where did you receive your undergraduate degree?

- 51.7% *EKU*
- 25.7% *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? 96.3%

How many online courses did you take? 97.9%

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

- 87.3% *None*
- 2.7% *One - Three*
- 2.9% *Four - Six*
- 2.1% *Seven - Nine*
- 1.3% *Ten - Twelve*
- 3.4% *More than Twelve*

Plans for immediate employment (choose all that apply):

- 53.1% *I will be continuing in my current position*
- 7.2% *I plan on working at a job I recently received*
- 2.7% *I plan on starting my own business*
- 33.9% *I am currently seeking employment*
- 12.8% *I have made no plans for employment but will soon do so*
- 1.0% *I do not plan on seeking employment*

Location of Employment:

- 59.9% *In Kentucky*
- 17.8% *Outside of Kentucky*
- 10.0% *Plan to seek employment in Kentucky*
- 6.9% *Plan to seek employment outside of Kentucky*
- 4.8% *Not Applicable*

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

- 54.3% *I have no plans for additional graduate work*
- 19.9% *I plan on completing additional graduate work at EKU*
- 6.4% *I plan on completing additional graduate work at another university or college in Kentucky*
- 4.7% *I plan on completing additional graduate work outside of Kentucky*
- 17.2% *I plan to pursue a Ph.D. program at a university or college in Kentucky*
- 12.2% *I plan to pursue a Ph.D. program at a university or college outside of Kentucky*
- 1.8% *I plan to attend professional school (law, medical, veterinarian) in Kentucky*
- 1.8% *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?

- 36.8% *Never*
- 40.4% *Once a semester*
- 14.0% *Twice a semester*
- 3.0% *Once a month*
- 5.5% *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?	0.6%	4.2%	57.0%	37.9%
Graduate School in regards to the graduation process?	1.3%	9.8%	60.2%	27.3%

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	0.5%	4.2%	66.1%	28.6%	
The Graduate School was timely in responding to my inquiries	0.8%	5.0%	63.1%	30.0%	
The Graduate School staff was courteous	0.3%	2.1%	57.8%	38.4%	
	<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	1.9%	2.7%	13.6%	61.2%	19.7%
The Graduate School website provided information for which I was seeking	2.1%	0.8%	7.4%	65.5%	22.8%

Please provide comments regarding the Graduate School website.

23.1%

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
Academic program advising was easily accessible	2.2%	8.0%	53.9%	34.8%
The information I received in the advising process was accurate	1.8%	7.4%	53.0%	36.9%
The advising process in my program worked well	2.2%	10.4%	48.0%	37.6%

Please provide comments regarding the advising process.

24.9%

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	1.0%	2.2%	3.0%	53.3%	40.1%
Course availability on main (Richmond) Campus	18.1%	1.0%	3.2%	48.3%	28.4%
Course availability at extended campus locations	60.4%	1.0%	3.4%	24.1%	10.0%
Availability of online courses	15.7%	1.6%	7.9%	48.6%	24.6%
Campus security/safety	19.7%	0.2%	2.6%	49.9%	26.0%
Availability of books at the EKU Bookstore	19.3%	2.7%	10.6%	50.2%	16.1%
Services at the EKU Bookstore	23.1%	1.8%	8.0%	48.8%	17.0%
Resources held by EKU Libraries	8.2%	0.6%	2.2%	54.4%	33.2%
Services at EKU Libraries	9.8%	0.5%	0.6%	52.2%	36.3%

Anticipated graduation date?

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Fall 2010 - Spring 2011 - Summer 2011	0.0%
Fall 2011 - Spring 2012 - Summer 2012	100.0%
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?

63.7% *Yes*

35.6% *No*

Are you interested in a separate commencement for graduate students?

58.7% *Yes*

41.3% *No*

After graduation do you plan to reside in Kentucky?

70.6% *Yes*

29.1% *No*

If you plan to reside in Kentucky after graduation will you reside in one of ECU's Service Region Counties? (ECU'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)

34.0% *Yes*

37.6% *No*

27.8% *Not Applicable*

Residence while an ECU Graduate Student

78.0% *Kentucky Resident, U.S. Citizen*

19.1% *Non-Kentucky Resident, U.S. Citizen*

2.9% *International, not a U.S. Citizen*

Student Status (for the majority of your graduate education)

49.0% *Full-Time (9 or more hours per semester)*

51.0% *Part-Time (8 or less hours per semester)*

In what academic college is your graduate program?

19.7% *Arts & Sciences*

5.9% *Business & Technology*

34.2% *Education*

17.7% *Health Sciences*

22.5% *Justice & Safety*