

## Summary of 2022-2023 Graduating Senior Survey Results

Three hundred eighty-six graduating seniors responded to the Graduating Senior Survey in 2022-2023. Of the respondents, 50% were female, 45% were male, and 1% were non-binary. Ninety-seven percent were enrolled full-time. Eighty-seven percent were single. Over one-half (56%) borrowed through the Federal Student Loan Programs to help finance their education. A majority (92%) reported no disability. Most respondents lived either in off-campus rooms/apartments (43%), in their own homes (22%), or with their parents/relatives (24%), and 11% lived on campus in dormitories or Fraternity house. Thirty-three percent of the respondents had majors in the College of Business and Industry, 27% in the College of Arts, Humanities, & Sciences, 16% in the College of Health Professions & Wellness, 13% in the College of Education & Professional Studies, and 11% had majors in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences.

When compared with the average person their age, over 50% of the respondents considered themselves above average or in the highest 10% in the following characteristics:

- Drive to achieve (75%)
- Leadership ability (68%)
- Understanding of others (67%)
- Academic ability (62%)
- Competitiveness (55%)
- Collaboration (55%)
- Self-confidence (intellectual) (51%)

### Perceptions of their Major

- Nearly all indicated the overall quality of their major was good or excellent (97%). And a majority the respondents thought the major courses as preparation for employment (89%) or graduate or professional school (91%) were good or excellent;
- More respondents frequently applied concepts learned in their major to solve actual problems (52%), expressed ideas orally (44%), expressed ideas in writing (43%), and a faculty in my major express special interest in my progress (43%);
- A majority agreed or strongly agreed that:
  - faculty were approachable (90%) and accessible outside of class (86%)
  - fundamental theories were taught (88%)
  - program faculty were professionally competent (87%) and were effective teachers (86%)
  - courses were intellectually stimulating (88%)
  - grading procedures were fair (87%)
  - at least one professor worked closely with me (87%)
  - my advisor was willing to help (84%)
  - current research methods were taught (83%)
  - requirements were explained clearly (80%)
  - sufficient practical training was provided (80%)

### Educational Outcomes

Respondents thought the following educational outcomes were important and that their JSU experiences prepared them well to perform them:

- Listening effectively (93%)
- Working cooperatively and as a team member (92%)
- Conducting work activities in an ethical manner (92%)
- Speaking effectively (91%)
- Defining and solving problems (91%)
- Recognizing and acting upon ethical principles (91%)
- Writing effectively (90%)
- Understanding the interaction of people and their environment (90%)

- Making formal presentations (90%)
- Reading comprehension (89%)
- Thinking objectively about beliefs, attitudes, and values (89%)
- Using computers to search for and retrieve information (89%)
- Making and exercising a lifelong commitment to learning (89%)
- Having tolerance for different points of view (88%)
- Analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating information (88%)
- Specialized occupational skills and knowledge (88%)
- Knowing how to access the information needed in one's professional position (86%)
- Working with people from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds (86%)
- Understanding the present as it relates to historical events and processes (85%)
- Understanding and exercising one's rights, responsibilities, and privileges as a citizen (84%)
- Basic computer skills (84%)
- Resolving interpersonal conflict (80%)
- Knowledge of the principles of good mental and physical health (79%)
- Understanding international issues (72%)
- Understanding another culture and language (70%)

### Satisfaction with University services and climate

- Most respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the course content in their major (85%), class size (83%), out-of-class availability of instructors (82%), the testing/grading system (80%), and the availability of computers (77%).
- Two-thirds or more were satisfied with opportunities for involvement in campus activities (74%), attitude of non-teaching staff toward students (74%), variety of courses offered (73%), general registration procedures (73%), attitude of non-teaching staff toward students (73%), racial/ethnic harmony (68%), availability of needed courses (68%), concern for you as an individual (68%), and rules governing student conduct (67%).

### Student Self-efficacy and Self-efficacy with Technology

Respondents had access to a PC (35%), a laptop or notebook computer (94%), and other portable devices such as iPad or smart phone (87%). The majority had Internet connectivity 24 hours/7 days a week (87%).

Respondents agreed that ... (On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1=strongly disagree and 5=strongly agree)

	In general	With technology
• They can always manage to solve difficult problems if they try hard enough.	(M=4.40)	(M=4.04)
• It is easy for them to stick to their aims and accomplish their goals.	(M=4.14)	(M=4.05)
• They are confident that they could deal efficiently with unexpected events.	(M=4.15)	(M=3.93)
• Thanks to their resourcefulness, they know how to handle unforeseen situations.	(M=4.13)	(M=3.93)
• They can solve most problems if they invest the necessary effort.	(M=4.39)	(M=4.08)
• They can remain calm when facing difficulties because they can rely on their coping abilities.	(M=4.05)	(M=4.00)
• When they are confronted with a problem, they can usually find several solutions.	(M=4.12)	(M=3.94)
• No matter what comes their way, they are usually able to handle it.	(M=4.27)	(M=4.02)
• If they are in trouble, they can usually think of something to do.	(M=4.15)	-
• If someone opposes them, they can find means and ways to get what they want.	(M=3.58)	-

*M*=Mean

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