

Graduate Student Exit Survey

Jacksonville State University

This questionnaire requests information to assist JSU in understanding your experiences as a graduate student and to determine how services and programs can be improved. The information you supply on this questionnaire will be kept completely confidential. Combined student responses will be shared with the Dean of Graduate Studies, the Graduate Curriculum Committee, deans, department heads, and other University officials. It is important that you respond carefully to each item. You are encouraged to use the COMMENTS sections to clarify your responses - especially for those items on which you expressed significant satisfaction or dissatisfaction.

1. What is your student ID number? (This information is used for the purpose of eliminating any duplication. Your correct ID number makes it possible for us to connect this data with other data for further in-depth studies. No reports will identify you as an individual.)

My student ID number: _____

2. Rate the importance of the following factors in your decision to attend JSU.

	Not important	Important	Very important
a. JSU's reputation			
b. Unique features of my degree program			
c. Reputation of my department			
d. Recommendation of a colleague or friend			
e. Cost of attending JSU			
f. JSU's ease of access			
g. Availability of financial assistance			
h. Availability of diverse learning modalities			

Comments

3. My doctoral or graduate degree or certificate is

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
- Doctor of Science (DSc)
- Educational Specialist (EDS)
- Graduate Certificate
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master in Athletic Training (MAT)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Fine Arts (MFA)
- Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- Master of Science (MS)
- Master of Science in Education (MSEd)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Master of Social Work (MSW)

4. My DNP degree is:

- Post-Master's track
- BSN-DNP Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track
- BSN-DNP Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) track

5. My DSc degree is in:

- Emergency Management
- 6.** My EDS degree is in
- Education - Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 - Education - Library Media (P-12)
 - Education - Physical Education (P-12)
 - Education - School Counseling (P-12) (certification or non-certification)
 - Education - Teacher Leader
 - Instructional Leadership (P-12)
- 7.** My Graduate Certificate is in:
- Emergency Management
 - Emergency Preparedness Nursing Coordinator
 - Instructional Leadership
 - Nursing Education
 - Teaching College Literature
 - Teaching College Writing
- 8.** My MA degree is in
- English
 - History
 - Integrated Studies
 - Liberal Studies
 - Music - General
 - Music Education
- 9.** My MBA degree is in
- Accounting (MBA)
 - General Business (MBA)
- 10.** My MFA degree is in:
- Visual Communication Design
- 11.** My MPA degree is in
- Administrative Management
 - Criminal Justice
 - Education
 - Emergency Management
 - Political Science
- 12.** My MS degree is in
- Applied Behavior Analysis
 - Biology
 - Computer Systems and Software Design-General
 - Computer Systems and Software Design-Information Security and Assurance
 - Counselor Ed.-Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 - Counselor Ed.-School Counseling (teacher certification, P-12)
 - Criminal Justice
 - Emergency Management
 - Geographic Information Science and Technology
 - Instructional Technology
 - Manufacturing Systems Technology
 - Mathematics
 - Sport Management (teacher certification)
 - Sport Management (non-teacher certification)
- 13.** My MEd degree is in

- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Elementary Education
- Instructional Leadership
- Library Media
- Physical Education, P-12 Teacher Education
- Physical Education, Human Performance (non-teacher cert.)
- Physical Education, Nutrition (non-teacher cert.)
- Reading Specialist
- Secondary Ed.-Biology
- Secondary Ed.-Business Marketing Education
- Secondary Ed.-English Language Arts
- Secondary Ed.-Family & Consumer Sciences
- Secondary Ed.-General Science
- Secondary Ed.-General Social Studies
- Secondary Ed.-History
- Secondary Ed.-Mathematics
- Special Education Collaborative Teacher (K-6) (6-12)

14. My MSN degree is in

- Nursing, Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN)
- Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN)
- Population Health Nursing (MSN)
- Population Health Nursing with a concentration Emergency Management (MSN)
- Population Health Nursing with a concentration Nursing Education (MSN)

15. Overall, the quality of my program is

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

Comments

16. Were you employed as a Graduate Assistant?

- Yes
- No

17. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statements regarding graduate assistantship.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I was satisfied with the process for obtaining a graduate assistantship.				
The GA package - stipend and tuition scholarship is adequate.				
The Graduate Assistant Guide was informative.				
My experience as a Graduate Assistant was positive.				

18. Indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statements concerning your graduate degree program.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	N/A
a. The degree requirements were explained clearly.					

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	N/A
b. The program encouraged academic and/or professional interactions with other students.					
c. The program adequately prepared me for advancement in my career.					
d. The program had adequate classroom facilities. (Select "N/A," if this doesn't apply to you.)					
e. The program had adequate instructional supplies and equipment. (Select "N/A," if this doesn't apply to you.)					
f. The program had an adequate online learning environment.					
g. The program had adequate non-computer lab facilities. (Select "N/A," if this doesn't apply to you.)					
h. I was satisfied with the procedures for scheduling of comprehensive exams. (Select "N/A," if this doesn't apply to you.)					
i. I received adequate support as a student throughout the program.					

Comments

19. How often were your professors available to help you outside of class?

- Never
- Seldom
- Occasionally
- Frequently
- Did not request help

20. Indicate the frequency of the following occurrences in your graduate degree program.

	Never	Seldom	Occasionally	Frequently	N/A
a. I assisted, or collaborated with, a professor on a research project other than as a class assignment.					
b. I had classes that required some form of research.					
c. I was unable to enroll in a required course because all sections were filled.					
d. My classes involved interaction with other students (group projects or discussion groups).					
e. I used technology in the classroom.					

Comments

21. Please rate the quality of the services in the following areas in your graduate degree program.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	No opinion	N/A
a. Career advisement						
b. Plan of study advisement (Curricular advising)						
c. Professional competency of the faculty						

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	No opinion	N/A
d. Instructional competency of the faculty						
e. Quality of courses, as preparation for employment after graduation						
f. The support of the department staff						
g. The professionalism of the department staff						

Comments

22. Indicate the extent of your agreement/disagreement with the following statements concerning the courses you took toward your graduate degree.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No opinion	N/A
a. The prerequisites for courses, if any, were appropriate.						
b. The sequencing of courses was appropriate (i.e., courses taken later in the curriculum built on earlier courses and required a higher level of sophistication and intellectual challenge).						
c. The course requirements for graduate students in 400G courses (assignments and evaluation) were meaningfully higher than for students enrolled for undergraduate credit.						
d. Practical experiences (practicum, laboratory, internship, field experience, residencies, etc.) were of high quality.						
e. Courses were offered frequently and I completed my degree requirements as planned.						
f. Many of my classes were too large.						
g. Academic/professional interaction with other students contributed significantly to attaining my educational goals.						
h. Faculty provided clear understanding of the goals and requirements of each class.						
i. Faculty provided clear understanding of evaluation methods used in each class.						
j. The evaluation methods, and grades awarded, properly differentiated levels of student performance (i.e., grades awarded correctly distinguished the level at which students performed).						
k. Courses I took provided the necessary knowledge (major studies conducted and results of those studies) in my discipline.						
l. Courses I took provided an understanding of the research methodology in my discipline.						
m. Courses I took provided an understanding of the major theories in my discipline.						
n. Courses I took provided an understanding of the accepted professional practices in my field.						
o. Courses I took provided necessary bibliographical skills in my discipline (i.e., knowledge of the major reference sources and how to effectively conduct bibliographic searches).						

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No opinion	N/A
p. My instructors allowed students a reasonable degree of freedom-independence in the way assignments (e.g., classroom presentations, papers, or projects) were conducted.						

Comments

23. Please indicate the extent of your agreement with each of the following statements regarding your MBA program using a scale of 1 to 5, with 1=Strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither agree or disagree, 4=Agree, and 5=Strongly agree. Select "N/A," if any of the statements doesn't apply to you.

	1-Strongly disagree	2	3	4	5-Strongly agree	N/A
JSU's MBA program has adequately prepared me for a career in my chosen profession.						
JSU's MBA program has given me the opportunity to further my professional development.						
I am satisfied with the quality of JSU's MBA program.						
The quality of instruction provided in JSU's MBA program has been adequate.						
The overall quality of my professors was good.						
JSU's MBA program has strengthened my ability to effectively and persuasively present ideas orally.						
JSU's MBA program has strengthened my ability to effectively and persuasively present ideas in writing.						
JSU's MBA program has strengthened my ability to use critical thinking skills to analyze and interpret data to solve business problems.						
JSU's MBA program has strengthened my ability to analyze international markets and economies and evaluate the political risks associated with doing business in the international arena.						
JSU's MBA program has strengthened my ability to identify and analyze strategic and operational factors that influence or impact an organization.						

24. If you would like to share any additional comments or experiences about JSU's MBA program, please provide them below.

25. Satisfaction with Program:

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following items.

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Not Applicable
The graduate admissions process					
Responsiveness of the graduate admissions team					

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Not Applicable
The graduate certification process					
My program's reputation					
Expertise of the faculty in my program					
Program's ability to keep pace with recent developments in my field					
Quality of IT support					
Quality of library holdings for overall study and research in my program					
Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty					
Training in research methods					
Amount of financial support					
The date and time when seminars (DSc)/ immersions (DNP) offered					
Information/experience gained from seminars/immersions					
My relationships and interaction with faculty/other students in my graduate program					
Professional relationship with my dissertation/DNP Project Chair					
Quality of academic advising and guidance					
Helpfulness of staff members in my department or program					
The opportunity to interact across disciplines					
Overall satisfaction with my program					

26. Climate of Program:

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Students in my program are treated with respect by faculty				
Faculty members are willing to work with me				
Rapport between faculty and graduate students in the program is good				
My own relationships and interaction with faculty are good				
My relationships and interaction with other students in my program are collegial				
Overall, the climate of my program is positive				

27. Qualifying Examination and Dissertation:

a. How much do you agree with each of the following statements? Please select "N/A," if any of the statements doesn't apply to you.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	N/A
The instructions provided by Graduate Studies prepared me for the online thesis/dissertation submission process.					
Coursework and seminars adequately prepared me for the DSc candidacy/comprehensive exams.					
Coursework and seminars adequately prepared me for the DSc dissertation work.					

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	N/A
Coursework, immersions, and residency coursework adequately prepared me for the DNP Project.					
The process of finalizing my thesis/dissertation/DNP project was adequate.					

27 b. How helpful and timely was the advice you received from your Program in each of these areas?
(N/A - I did not receive advice on this)

	Helpfulness	Timeliness
	Not helpful, Somewhat helpful, Helpful, Very helpful, N/A	Not timely, Somewhat timely, Timely, Very timely, N/A
Preparing for written qualifying exams		
Preparing for oral qualifying exams		
Forming the dissertation committee		
Meeting with my dissertation/DNP chair		
Selection of a dissertation/DNP Project topic		
My dissertation/DNP Project research		
Writing and revising my dissertation/DNP Project		

28. Presentations and Publications

a. How many research or scholarly presentations (including poster presentations) did you make on your campus during your graduate studies (not including presentations given in class or in regularly scheduled not-for-credit lab meetings)?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- More than 20

28 b. How many research or scholarly presentations (including poster presentations) did you make at regional, national or international meetings away from your campus?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- More than 20

28 c. If you made a presentation away from campus, did you receive institutional or grant funds for travel?

- Yes
- No

28 d. If you responded "Yes" to Question #28c, from which sources listed below did you receive funds? Please select all that apply.

- My program
- A research grant
- Other institutional funds

28 e. How many scholarly works that you produced while a graduate student have been published or accepted for publication?

Works co-authored _____

Works solely authored _____

Works currently under review for publication _____

29. Are you currently employed while working on this degree?

- Yes, full-time in the field of the degree I am pursuing.
- Yes, full-time not in the field of the degree I am pursuing.
- Yes, part-time in the field of the degree I am pursuing.
- Yes, part-time not in the field of the degree I am pursuing.
- Yes, self-employed.
- Yes, serving in the Military.
- No, but participating in a volunteer or service program.
- No, not employed.

30. Post-Graduate Plans

a. Which of the following describes your immediate post-graduate plans? (Select all that apply)

- PhD or Doctoral Program
- Post-doctoral fellowship or research associate-ship
- Four-year college or university teaching and research
- Employment in a school or community college
- Employment in business, industry or healthcare
- Government service
- Employment in a non-profit organization
- Self-employment
- Military service
- Not seeking employment at this time

30 b. Do you plan to change your career after receiving this degree?

- Yes
- No

30 c. Are you currently working in or do you plan to work in a rural or under-served area?

- Yes
- No

31. Demographic Information

a. Please indicate your race/ethnicity.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native

- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino(a)
- Multi-racial
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other: _____

31 b. Please indicate with which gender you identify.

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary

31 c. Your current age in years:

- Younger than 25 years of age
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70 or older

31 d. Please provide the following information, if applicable.

Your annual income of your current or soon to be employment or from your business before tax:

Guaranteed first-year bonus, e.g., sign -on, year-end: _____

32. Please provide additional comments/suggestions concerning JSU.

33. Please provide below your personal (non-JSU) email for future alumni follow-up:
