

Undergraduate Exit Survey Contents

Summary

There are two versions of the Undergraduate Exit Survey (UES), but students are randomly assigned to a single version. All students who currently have more than 102 credit hours are eligible to take the Exit Survey, which is a graduation requirement. Students are encouraged, but not required, to take the UES during their final undergraduate semester. The UES consists of the **Senior Survey** and the **Public Affairs** section. This scale will consist of 40 items that the student will rank on a Likert scale based on experiences at Missouri State University and includes two essay questions from among a list of items related to the open-ended responses.

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Senior Survey (16 Items)

1. Do you plan to graduate this semester?
 - Yes
 - No
2. How satisfied are you with the quality of instruction you received at Missouri State University?
 - Very satisfied
 - Satisfied
 - Neutral/No Opinion
 - Dissatisfied
 - Very Dissatisfied
3. Did you take any graduate-level course work for credit as an undergraduate or in the accelerated Master's program?
 - Yes
 - No
4. Did you participate in a certificate program during your time here?
 - Yes
 - No
5. If there is a particular reason you did or did not participate in an accelerated Masters or certificate program, please let us know.
6. I plan to work in a field related to my major:
 - Immediately after graduation.
 - At some point in the future, but not right away.
 - I may or may not work in a field related to my major.
 - I do not plan to work in a field related to my major.
 - Don't know/No opinion.
7. Which of the following BEST describes your status with respect to your PRIMARY post-graduation plans? (Mark only one.)
 - New employment, full-time paid
 - New employment, part-time paid
 - Actively searching for employment
 - Continuing work on a current job
 - Self-employed
 - Additional undergraduate coursework
 - Graduate or professional school, full-time
 - Graduate or professional school, part-time
 - Military service
 - Volunteer activity (e.g., Peace Corps)
 - Starting or raising a family
 - Other

8. If your primary post-graduation plans include new/continuing employment, full- or part-time, please answer the following:
- Employing organization:
 - Position/location (city, state/country):
 - Job title:
 - Base salary in U.S. dollars:
 - First-year bonus, if any:
9. If your primary post-graduation plan is to continue your education and you have already been admitted, please provide the following:
- Name of institution:
 - Location of the institution (city, state/country):
 - Degree you are pursuing:
 - Program of study (accounting, psychology, etc.):
 - Have you been offered an assistantship? (Yes/No.):
10. Answer this question only if you plan to attend graduate school in the future.

I plan to enter the following area of graduate study:

- Arts & Letters
- Business
- Science
- Education
- Humanities & Public Affairs
- Law
- Engineering
- Health
- Other

11. Answer this question only if you plan to attend graduate school in the future.

I plan to enter a graduate program...

- ...at Missouri State University within the next year.
- ...at Missouri State University sometime later in the future.
- ...at another university within the next year.
- ...at another university sometime later in the future, but haven't decided on a time or institution yet.
- I am currently in an accelerated Master's.

12. Answer this question only if you plan to attend graduate school someplace other than Missouri State University.

I plan to attend another institution for graduate study because:

- Missouri State University does not offer the program I need.
- Missouri State University offers the program, but I want to attend another institution.
- Missouri State University offers the program, but I want to attend another institution.
- Financial reasons (e.g., funding or financial assistance).
- I want to be in a different part of the country/closer to family or significant other.
- Other

13. Why did you choose to attend Missouri State University?

14. If at some point you seriously considered leaving Missouri State, what were the main reasons? (Please select all that apply.)

- Academics (too difficult)
- Academics (too easy)
- Academic (major not offered, course availability, advising, credit transfers, etc.)
- Financial concerns (cost or financial aid)
- To change career options (transfer to another school, military service, etc.)
- School/work balance
- Too much emphasis on partying
- Not enough opportunities to socialize/have fun
- Faculty/staff relationships
- Student relationships
- Campus climate/location/culture
- Unsafe/hostile environment
- Personal reasons (family issues, physical or mental health, homesick, stress, etc.)
- Other

15. If you selected 'Other,' please share the specific reason.

16. What has been the most satisfying about your experience so far at this institution, and what has been most disappointing?

Public Affairs Essays

The nine public affairs reflection prompts are presented to students in random order. Students are instructed to choose one from each pillar for response.

Ethical Leadership

- Discuss in detail and/or analyze your core beliefs about ethical leadership and the origins of your beliefs.
- Describe an ethical issue in your field. Apply ethical perspectives or concepts to that ethical question in your field. What are the full implications of the ethical issue? How do you plan to handle the issue in the future?
- Describe opportunities you have had to recognize ethical issues in your discipline and recognize cross-relationships among ethical issues.

Cultural Competence

- Describe how you have adjusted your attitudes and beliefs through working within and learning from diversity of communities and cultures.
- Analyze how experiences at Missouri State, have helped you to articulate insights gained regarding cultural rules and biases (e.g. seeking new perspectives, awareness of how your personal experiences have shaped these rules, and how to recognize and respond to cultural biases, resulting in a shift in self-description). How did you gain the insights? What are your new understandings of cultural rules and biases?
- Describes ways in which you have initiated and developed interactions with culturally different others.

Community Engagement

- Describe ways in which you have connected and extended knowledge (facts, theories, etc.) from your own academic study to community engagement and to your current and future participation in civic life, politics, government, and your career.
- Provide evidence and examples of experience in community or civic engagement activities and describe what you learned about yourself, your civic identity, and your future commitment to public action.
- Describe experiences in which you have shown initiative in team leadership of complex or multiple community engagement activities. Reflect or analyze the aims of the experience and the accomplishment of your actions.