Methodology

The EWU Graduate Office administered the web-based Graduate Exit Survey to students who graduated during each quarter between spring 2008 and winter 2011. This summary contains the results of 294 respondents; 43% also obtained their bachelor’s degree from Eastern Washington University.

Note: The 5-point Likert scale used in the survey = Strongly Agree, Agree, Somewhat Agree, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
Percentage of agreement in this summary is indicated by a Strongly Agree, Agree or Somewhat Agree response.

Satisfaction with EWU Graduate Experience

- 80% of graduates agreed that they would start a master’s program again at EWU
- 97% agreed that they received adequate guidance from a supervisor during their graduate service appointment
- 80% agreed that their graduate advisor (major professor) provided the guidance needed to succeed
- 79% agreed that their degree program met their expectations for rigor and depth
- 74% agreed that their research requirements were a valuable part of the program

Funding an EWU Graduate Education

- 71% received funding assistance
- 73% agreed that their funding was adequate
- 59% received federal aid
- 20% received loans to finance their education
- 8% received stipends
- 5% received work study
- Tuition Waivers
  - 12% received a TA/GA waiver
  - 4% received a nonresident partial waiver
  - Less than 2% received an employee waiver or WICHE waiver

Preparations for Future Graduate study or Employment

- 81% indicated that they are prepared for continued graduate study
- 85% indicated that they were prepared for employment

Satisfaction with Graduate Office Services

- 81% agreed that written material provided was helpful
- 87% used the Graduate Studies website to obtain information and forms
- 89% were satisfied with the application for admission
- 87% were satisfied with candidacy
- 72% were satisfied with general graduate advising
- 73% were satisfied with the comprehensive examination
- 80% were satisfied with the graduation check-out process

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