Graduate Student Exit Survey Summary
Winter 2011-Summer 2013

Methodology
The EWU Graduate Office administered the web-based Graduate Exit Survey to students who graduated during each quarter between winter 2011 and summer 2013. This summary contains the results of 389 respondents; 48% 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.

Survey Comparison
A comparison of the 2008/2011 and 2011/2013 Graduate Student Exit Survey showed that both surveys yielded similar results except in three areas of interest. All graduate experience satisfaction areas showed a percentage increase of 1%-4%. A higher percentage of graduate students received federal aid and funding assistance (6% and 9% increase respectively). In addition, self-reported employment preparedness increased from 85% to 92%.

Satisfaction with EWU Graduate Experience
- 81% of graduates agreed that they would start a master’s program again at EWU
- 83% agreed that their graduate advisor (major professor) provided the guidance needed to succeed
- 82% agreed that their degree program met their expectations for rigor and depth
- 78% agreed that their research requirements were a valuable part of the program

Funding an EWU Graduate Education
- 77% received funding assistance
- 74% agreed that their funding was adequate
- 68% received federal aid
- 19% received loans to finance their education
- 9% received stipends
- 4% received work study
- Tuition Waivers
  - 11% received a TA/GA waiver
  - 5% received a nonresident waiver (West)
  - Less than 2% received an employee waiver or WICHE waiver

Preparations for Future Graduate study or Employment
- 84% indicated that they are prepared for continued graduate study
- 92% indicated that they were prepared for employment

Satisfaction with Graduate Office Services
- 79% agreed that written material provided was helpful
- 69% used the Graduate Studies website to obtain information and forms
- 88% were satisfied with the application for admission
- 88% were satisfied with candidacy
- 73% were satisfied with general graduate advising
- 75% were satisfied with the comprehensive examination
- 80% were satisfied with the graduation check-out process

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