

Survey of Graduating Seniors 2004-2005

N=1764

(N=1762)	Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor
How do you rate your overall experience at the University of Arizona?	35%	60%	4%	1%

Indicate your overall level of satisfaction with the following at the UA	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
The opportunities for interactions with faculty n=1764	37%	54%	8%	1%
The quality of instruction n=1761	29%	59%	10%	1%
Interactions with staff n=1759	35%	57%	7%	1%
The content of your courses n=1757	35%	56%	8%	1%
Navigating through the general education curriculum n=1751	21%	46%	25%	8%
Navigating through the curriculum in your major n=1759	53%	36%	9%	2%
The academic advising you have received at the UA n=1755	41%	35%	16%	8%
The availability of academic advising when you needed it n=1756	45%	32%	16%	7%

(N=1753)	Once a week	Every few weeks	A few times a semester	Once a semester or less	Never
How often during your time at the UA have you discussed course work or assignments with a faculty member outside of class?	17%	27%	41%	14%	1%

(N=1758)	none	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
With how many UA faculty have you discussed subjects not related to coursework (e.g., career, graduate school, or personal matters)?	13%	13%	24%	18%	11%	5%	15%

How many of the following experiences have you had while at the UA	Three or More	Two	One	None
Participated in a research project or program (excluding being a subject in psychology experiments, doing lab work for a course or similar experiences). n=1754	27%	14%	18%	41%
Participated in a UA performance/public presentation or design project (e.g., student research forum, gallery show, public lecture, recital, theater performance, etc.). n=1750	21%	11%	14%	54%
Had career related work experiences, such as internships in your field, volunteering, cooperative education, or working in a career-related job. n=1755	26%	18%	26%	29%

To what extent has your experience at the UA contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
Writing clearly and effectively n=1758	28%	37%	27%	8%
Analyzing quantitative problems n=1758	34%	35%	25%	7%
Thinking critically and analytically n=1755	44%	36%	17%	3%
Using computing and information technology n=1757	33%	31%	27%	10%

How have your ABILITIES in the following areas changed since you began your education at the UA	Much better	Somewhat better	A little better	No Change	Worse
Written communication n=1745	37%	38%	19%	5%	1%
Oral communication n=1741	40%	38%	14%	7%	1%
Mathematics n=1741	25%	26%	18%	26%	5%
Critical thinking ability n=1734	41%	42%	13%	5%	0%
Understanding people (both as individuals and in groups) n=1736	46%	35%	12%	6%	1%
Understanding natural sciences (both biological and physical) n=1736	27%	28%	26%	17%	2%
Understanding traditions and cultures (ideas and values) n=1733	26%	35%	26%	11%	1%
Understanding the arts n=1727	17%	24%	30%	29%	2%
Understanding the humanities (e.g., literature, philosophy, religion) n=1724	19%	29%	32%	19%	1%
Use of technology and research skills n=1729	43%	34%	17%	6%	0%
Knowledge about your academic field n=1733	75%	19%	5%	1%	0%

Predict how IMPORTANT each of these abilities will be to your long term goals.	Essential	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not at All Important
Written communication n=1750	62%	23%	12%	3%	0%
Oral communication n=1751	74%	19%	6%	1%	0%
Mathematics n=1745	25%	21%	22%	23%	10%
Critical thinking ability n=1737	62%	26%	10%	2%	0%
Understanding people (both as individuals and in groups) n=1734	58%	24%	13%	4%	0%
Understanding natural sciences (both biological and physical) n=1736	20%	13%	21%	26%	19%
Understanding traditions and cultures (ideas and values) n=1731	20%	21%	25%	25%	9%
Understanding the arts n=1736	10%	10%	21%	32%	28%
Understanding the humanities (e.g., literature, philosophy, religion) n=1722	10%	14%	26%	31%	19%
Use of technology and research skills n=1736	48%	30%	16%	5%	1%
Knowledge about your academic field n=1738	66%	20%	9%	3%	1%

How often were you able to participate in the following activities in your general education courses at the UA?	A lot	A few times	Once or twice	Never
Writing in multiple formats (e.g., research papers, essays, reports) n=1734	69%	25%	4%	2%
Library and web research n=1731	58%	33%	7%	2%
Math and other quantitative analyses n=1731	38%	29%	22%	10%
Oral presentations n=1734	42%	42%	13%	4%
Group/team projects n=1733	49%	36%	12%	4%
Developing critical thinking skills n=1731	53%	35%	9%	3%
Discussions with professors about coursework outside of class n=1731	24%	45%	25%	7%
Informal contact with professors outside of class n=1728	12%	35%	29%	24%
Working on a professor's research project n=1726	7%	6%	15%	72%

(N=1728)	Very familiar	Somewhat familiar	Not very familiar	Never heard of them	Not Applicable
How familiar are you with University Wide General Education program requirements?	34%	42%	14%	7%	2%

To what extent have the following factors been a problem in your experience registering for REQUIRED courses in your MAJOR?		No problem	Some problem	Big problem
		Required course(s) not offered	n=1736	41%
Required course(s) closed	n=1738	41%	33%	26%
Required course(s) time conflicted with my other classes	n=1737	20%	50%	30%
Required course(s) time conflicted with my job	n=1737	59%	29%	13%
Required course(s) scheduled at an inconvenient time	n=1735	31%	50%	19%

Which of the following have you done or do you plan to do before you graduate from the UA?	Done	Plan to do	Do not plan to do	Have not decided	
Practicum, internship, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment	n=870	61%	6%	28%	5%
Entrepreneurship activity	n=869	9%	5%	76%	10%
Community service or volunteer work	n=864	68%	8%	19%	5%
Participation in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take 2 or more classes together	n=866	23%	3%	67%	7%
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	n=865	24%	5%	63%	8%
Foreign language coursework	n=867	69%	4%	24%	3%
Study abroad	n=865	16%	7%	71%	7%
Independent study or self-designed major	n=867	23%	2%	71%	4%
Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis project, etc.)	n=864	40%	5%	51%	5%

What are your near term plans for after graduation. (Check all that apply.) (N=1764)	
I am seeking employment in my area of study	53%
I am seeking employment – not necessarily in my area of study	28%
I have secured a job in my area of study	19%
I have secured a job - not in my area of study	8%

What are your near term plans for after graduation. (Check all that apply.) (N=1764)	
I plan to attend graduate or professional school	31%
I plan to attend graduate or professional school WITHIN THE NEXT 2 YEARS	43%
I have been accepted into graduate or professional school.	11%

Indicate which of the following UA career services you have used in your career planning, job search, and graduate school preparation. Check all that apply. (N=1764)	
Career Services in Old Main	26%
The career services office in my College	20%
Career Services Website	45%
Campus interviewing	20%
CatTraks/Wildcat JobLink	21%
Career Fairs	46%
Meet Your Major Fair	15%
ACES Advising Center for Exploratory Students	2%
Other	10%

Answer the following only if you are PLANNING TO ATTEND GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (N=1182)	What is the highest degree you plan to obtain?
Master's Degree (e.g., MS, MA, MFA, MSW, MBA, MLA)	57%
J.D.	8%
Professional Certificate	1%
Ph.D. or other doctoral degree	23%
M.D.	6%
DDS or DMD	1%
DVM	1%
PharmD	1%
Other (specify below)	2%

(N=1188)	Exceptionally well	More than adequately	Adequately	Less than adequately	Not well at all
How well did the UA prepare you for your continuing education?	12%	41%	39%	6%	2%

(N=1587)	10 or fewer	11-20	21-30	31 or more	None /Not applicable
During this academic year, how many hours of a typical week did you spend working?	16%	31%	22%	10%	20%

(N=1348)	Yes	No
If you worked, was the work related to your field of study?	47%	53%

(N=1380)	Yes	No
Did you work on campus?	37%	63%

	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Uncertain	Probably no	Definitely no
If you could start college over, would you choose to attend the UA? n=1588	30%	40%	16%	9%	5%
If you could start college over, would you choose to graduate with the same major? n=1586	45%	25%	14%	11%	5%
If a high school senior wanted to major in your field, would you recommend that he or she attend the UA? n=1584	36%	35%	15%	10%	5%