

Survey of Graduating Seniors¹ 2005-2006

N=701

(N=700)	Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor
How do you rate your overall experience at the University of Arizona?	33%	62%	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=701	41%	49%	9%	1%
The quality of instruction n=701	28%	60%	10%	2%
Interactions with staff n=700	45%	47%	7%	1%
The content of your courses n=699	36%	56%	7%	1%
Navigating through the general education curriculum n=695	27%	44%	21%	8%
Navigating through the curriculum in your major n=701	54%	35%	8%	2%
The academic advising you have received at the UA n=697	53%	30%	12%	6%
The availability of academic advising when you needed it n=699	58%	29%	10%	4%

(N=700)	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?	20%	33%	36%	9%	2%

(N=701)	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%	21%	11%	5%	14%

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=698	25%	18%	19%	39%
Participated in a UA performance/public presentation or design project (e.g., student research forum, gallery show, public lecture, recital, theater performance, etc.). n=695	15%	15%	23%	48%
Had career related work experiences, such as internships in your field, volunteering, cooperative education, or working in a career-related job. n=699	22%	23%	28%	27%

¹ Due to unforeseen problems in survey administration, the number of respondents was fewer than usual, and the College of Engineering is overrepresented among respondents.

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=698	24%	35%	32%	9%
Analyzing quantitative problems	n=698	44%	36%	16%	4%
Thinking critically and analytically	n=696	51%	33%	13%	2%
Using computing and information technology	n=698	37%	33%	21%	8%

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=693	34%	41%	18%	6%	2%
Oral communication	n=693	40%	38%	14%	7%	1%
Mathematics	n=692	41%	26%	15%	14%	4%
Critical thinking ability	n=691	48%	39%	9%	3%	0%
Understanding people (both as individuals and in groups)	n=690	41%	37%	15%	6%	1%
Understanding natural sciences (both biological and physical)	n=692	35%	29%	24%	12%	1%
Understanding traditions and cultures (ideas and values)	n=689	20%	34%	31%	15%	0%
Understanding the arts	n=687	10%	20%	30%	37%	2%
Understanding the humanities (e.g., literature, philosophy, religion)	n=686	14%	24%	38%	23%	1%
Use of technology and research skills	n=689	50%	34%	12%	4%	0%
Knowledge about your academic field	n=683	78%	18%	4%	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=694	58%	26%	12%	4%	0%
Oral communication	n=694	69%	25%	6%	0%	0%
Mathematics	n=694	39%	21%	19%	15%	6%
Critical thinking ability	n=691	73%	19%	7%	1%	0%
Understanding people (both as individuals and in groups)	n=690	48%	29%	16%	5%	1%
Understanding natural sciences (both biological and physical)	n=691	29%	19%	22%	20%	10%
Understanding traditions and cultures (ideas and values)	n=688	13%	17%	29%	29%	12%
Understanding the arts	n=685	6%	5%	18%	36%	34%
Understanding the humanities (e.g., literature, philosophy, religion)	n=684	7%	8%	23%	38%	24%
Use of technology and research skills	n=689	56%	28%	12%	4%	0%
Knowledge about your academic field	n=686	69%	18%	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=693	61%	31%	5%	2%
Library and web research	n=692	53%	38%	7%	2%
Math and other quantitative analyses	n=693	52%	21%	14%	12%
Oral presentations	n=691	37%	46%	11%	5%
Group/team projects	n=691	53%	31%	13%	4%

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
Developing critical thinking skills	n=688	59%	28%	9%	4%
Discussions with professors about coursework outside of class	n=692	25%	46%	21%	8%
Informal contact with professors outside of class	n=692	12%	33%	31%	24%
Working on a professor's research project	n=692	6%	8%	14%	72%

(N=685)	Very familiar	Somewhat familiar	Not very familiar	Never heard of them	Not Applicable
How familiar are you with University Wide General Education program requirements?	27%	42%	17%	11%	3%

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=694	39%	41%	20%
Required course(s) closed	n=695	47%	33%	20%
Required course(s) time conflicted with my other classes	n=695	21%	50%	28%
Required course(s) time conflicted with my job	n=693	58%	31%	11%
Required course(s) scheduled at an inconvenient time	n=695	27%	53%	20%

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=695 64%	13%	17%	7%
Entrepreneurship activity	n=692 9%	12%	65%	14%
Community service or volunteer work	n=692 62%	9%	20%	8%
Participation in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take 2 or more classes together	n=692 21%	3%	66%	10%
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements	n=693 26%	12%	53%	9%
Foreign language coursework	n=694 50%	8%	38%	5%
Study abroad	n=693 12%	5%	73%	10%
Independent study or self-designed major	n=693 22%	6%	65%	7%
Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis project, etc.)	n=693 34%	31	27%	7%

What are your near term plans for after graduation. (Check all that apply.) (N=701)	
I am seeking employment in my area of study	60%
I am seeking employment – not necessarily in my area of study	25%
I have secured a job in my area of study	20%
I have secured a job - not in my area of study	7%

What are your near term plans for after graduation. (Check all that apply.) (N=701)	
I plan to attend graduate or professional school	34%
I plan to attend graduate or professional school WITHIN THE NEXT 2 YEARS	42%
I have been accepted into graduate or professional school.	9%

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=701)	
Career Services in Old Main	24%
The career services office in my College	20%
Career Services Website	46%
Campus interviewing	27%
CatTraks/Wildcat JobLink	32%
Career Fairs	57%
Meet Your Major Fair	18%
ACES Advising Center for Exploratory Students	2%
Other	9%

Answer the following only if you are PLANNING TO ATTEND GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (N=4572)	What is the highest degree you plan to obtain?
Master's Degree (e.g., MS, MA, MFA, MSW, MBA, MLA)	54%
J.D.	4%
Professional Certificate	0%
Ph.D. or other doctoral degree	28%
M.D.	7%
DDS or DMD	1%
DVM	1%
PharmD	1%
Other (specify below)	3%

(N=460)	Exceptionally well	More than adequately	Adequately	Less than adequately	Not well at all
How well did the UA prepare you for your continuing education?	15%	40%	39%	6%	0%

(N=638)	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?	14%	36%	19%	9%	22%

(N=537)	Yes	No
If you worked, was the work related to your field of study?	51%	49%

(N=552)	Yes	No
Did you work on campus?	38%	62%

	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Uncertain	Probably no	Definitely no
If you could start college over, would you choose to attend the UA? n=638	34%	40%	14%	9%	3%
If you could start college over, would you choose to graduate with the same major? n=638	47%	27%	14%	8%	3%
If a high school senior wanted to major in your field, would you recommend that he or she attend the UA? n=636	37%	40%	13%	6%	4%