

Survey of Graduating Seniors 2006-2007

N=2076

(N= 2063)	Fall 2006	Spring 2007	Summer 2007	Fall 2007
What is your expected graduation term?	23%	64%	9%	3%

(N=2067)	Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor
How do you rate your overall experience at the University of Arizona?	37%	58%	4%	1%

(N=2067)	Yes	No
When you arrived at the UA, did you know what you would be majoring in?	62%	38%

(N=2067)	0	1	2	3	4 or More
How many times have you changed your major since starting UA?	49%	34%	10%	5%	2%

(N=2060)	No	Yes, I transferred here from a two-year college	Yes, I transferred here from another four-year college
Did you transfer into the UA from another college?	70%	21%	9%

(N=628)	Academic reasons	Medical reasons	Financial reasons	Family/personal reasons	Athletic participation	Other
If you have transferred, what was your primary reason for transferring:	59%	1%	8%	12%	0%	19%

Which of the following best matches your primary reason for attending UA : (N=1962)	
Academic offerings	26%
Proximity to home, family, friends	29%
Proximity to spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend	2%
Social scene at this school or have friends attending	6%
Expectations (of parents, teachers, community, etc.)	3%
Cost or financial reasons	24%
Athletic participation	1%
Other	8%

Indicate your overall level of satisfaction with the following at UA: (N=2060)	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
The academic advising you have received.	37%	45%	12%	5%
The availability of academic advising when you needed it.	42%	42%	12%	4%

Please answer the following with regard to ALL coursework completed at UA:	Very relevant	Somewhat relevant	Not very relevant	Not relevant at all
How relevant was your coursework to everyday life? (N=2057)	20%	65%	13%	2%
How relevant was your coursework to your future career plans? (N=2060)	41%	49%	8%	2%
How relevant was your coursework to future educational plans (e.g., graduate or professional school)? (N=2055)	40%	47%	9%	4%

(N=2061)	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 coursework or assignments with a faculty member outside of class?	16%	28%	37%	16%	3%

(N=2057)	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six or more
With how many UA faculties have you discussed subjects not related to coursework (e.g., career, graduate school, or personal matters)?	11%	15%	25%	20%	9%	5%	15%

How many of the following experiences have you had while at the UA	None	One	Two	Three or more
Participated in a research project or program (excluding being a subject in psychology experiments, doing lab work for a course or similar experiences). N=2054	40%	22%	14%	24%
Participated in a UA performance/public presentation or design project (e.g., student research forum, gallery show, public lecture, recital, theater performance, etc.). N=2050	56%	17%	9%	18%

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
Analyzing quantitative problems N=2055	29%	36%	26%	9%
Thinking critically and analytically N=2053	41%	39%	17%	3%
Using computing and information technology N=2049	28%	33%	29%	10%

Approximately how many hours per week did you spend working at a job for pay during each year at UA during the school year?	More than 30	21-30	11-20	1- 10	None	N/A
Freshman year N= 2052	7%	11%	13%	9%	38%	22%
Sophomore year N= 2048	9%	18%	19%	11%	25%	18%
Junior year N= 2054	14%	24%	25%	12%	20%	5%
Senior year N= 2055	16%	22%	24%	15%	19%	4%

	Yes	No
During this last year, if you worked, was your work related to your field of study? N=1923	45%	55%
During this last year, did you work on campus? N=2005	27%	73%

Given the information on general education courses, indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
Helped prepare me for courses in my major	N= 2043	3%	26%	39%	20%	12%
Are valuable for all students, regardless of major	N= 2044	13%	44%	22%	10%	11%
Helped prepare me for my future career/continuing education	N= 2035	5%	29%	38%	16%	12%
Broadened my perspective of the world	N= 2037	22%	50%	11%	5%	12%
Inspired me to want to learn things outside my major	N= 2039	19%	44%	19%	7%	11%
Were very interesting	N=2040	10%	46%	25%	8%	11%
Were a complete waste of time	N=2032	12%	17%	47%	13%	12%
Fulfilled the goals of the General Education program	N=2021	10%	58%	15%	5%	12%

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= 2039	42%	45%	13%
Required course(s) closed	N= 2034	42%	40%	18%
Required course(s) time conflicted with my other classes	N= 2035	22%	54%	24%
Required course(s) time conflicted with my job	N= 2033	62%	28%	10%
Required course scheduled at an inconvenient time	N= 2036	32%	54%	14%

	NO	Yes, a little longer	Yes, a lot longer
Did it take you longer to complete your UA degree than you initially anticipated? N= 2036	56%	34%	10%

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=2035	59%	9%	27%	5%
Entrepreneurship activity	N= 2029	9%	6%	75%	10%
Community service or volunteer work	N=2033	65%	6%	23%	6%
Participate in a learning community or some other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	N=2032	17%	4%	72%	7%
Work on a research project with a faculty member outside of a course or program requirements	N=2027	25%	6%	61%	8%
Foreign language coursework	N= 2033	63%	5%	29%	3%
Study abroad	N= 2027	17%	6%	71%	6%
Independent study or self-designed major	N=2024	24%	3%	68%	5%
Culminating senior experience (comprehensive exam, capstone course, thesis, project, etc.).	N=2027	36%	14%	45%	5%

In my first year after leaving UA, I plan to be doing the following (N=2038)	
Attending graduate/professional school	26%
Working full-time	54%
Working part-time	2%
Serving in the military	2%
Attending a vocational training program	1%
Traveling	3%
Doing volunteer work	1%
Taking some transition time or a transition job before embarking on a career	8%
Staying at home/serving as caregiver/starting a family	1%
Devoting myself to playing/training for a sport	1%
I don't yet have any post-college plans or goals	1%

What is the highest degree you plan to obtain? (N= 1382)	
Master's degree	51%
J.D.	8%
Professional certificate	2%
Ph.D.	24%
M.D.	7%
DDS or DMD	1%
DVM	1%
PharmD	1%
Other	5%

	Exceptionally well	More than adequately	Adequately	Less than adequately	Not well at all
How well did the UA prepare you for your continuing education? N=1763	14%	38%	40%	6%	2%

	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Uncertain	Probably no	Definitely no
If you could start college over, would you choose to attend the UA? N=1852	36%	38%	16%	7%	3%
If you could start college over, would you choose to graduate with the same major? N= 1857	42%	28%	14%	12%	5%
If a high school senior wanted to major in your field, would you recommend that he or she attend the UA? N=1859	38%	38%	13%	7%	4%

Indicate the importance to you personally of each of the following:		Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Being successful in my future line of work	N= 2021	69%	27%	4%	0%
Having a good family life	N= 2022	79%	17%	3%	1%
Having lots of money	N= 2020	11%	29%	49%	11%
Having time for recreation and hobbies	N= 2018	38%	49%	13%	0%
Having strong friendships	N= 2021	59%	32%	8%	1%
Becoming involved in my local community (city, town, or county)	N= 2015	17%	36%	40%	7%
Helping others less fortunate	N= 2021	24%	41%	31%	4%
Becoming involved in environmental issues	N= 2013	12%	25%	47%	16%
Keeping up to date with local & national politics	N= 2018	17%	32%	40%	11%