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Executive Summary

The University of North Dakota, in an attempt to gauge the impressions and attitudes of its successful students, periodically administers a Graduating Student Survey to those students about to graduate. In April of 2014, the Office of Institutional Research invited 800 students scheduled to graduate in May of that year to participate in the survey, which was previously administered in 1991, 1996, 2001, 2004, 2008, and 2011. 232 seniors completed the survey for a response rate of 29 percent.

- When asked to evaluate their educational growth in areas related to the Essential Studies learning outcome goals, respondents report their UND education contributed most to learning on your own, analyzing and solving problems, and applying knowledge about diverse perspectives.
- The lowest amount of growth came in the areas of understanding and appreciating the arts, and participating in research with a faculty member.
- College related goals reflect an orientation towards career training and development. 82% indicate they wish to increase their knowledge in a field, 66% report the goal of preparing for a new career, 61% indicated they wish to improve their knowledge for their career, and 58% indicated a goal of formulating long-term career plans.
- In regards to experiential learning, internships were reported as the most popular type of learning with 23% of respondents having completed one.
- 22% who completed an internship will be employed by the same entity following graduation.
- Over one-half of the respondents (62%) reported student loans as a major source of funding.
- 23% of respondents report employment during the school year is a major source of funding, 40% indicate working on campus, but only 15% indicate this is a major source of college funding.
- Respondents are quite happy with the social atmosphere at UND, 81% responding to a positive level of interaction with other students and 78% reporting a positive overall social experience.
- Satisfaction was also high in regards to safety and security on campus at 76%.
- Varied levels of satisfaction were reported for the quality of advising respondents received. 62% were satisfied with the advising in their major, while 59% were satisfied with advising in regards to General Education requirements, while 51% were satisfied with career advising in their major.
- Satisfaction appears to be on the low end in regards to financial aspects. 38% are satisfied with the UND Pride Card. Only 23% reported satisfaction with the purposes for which student activity fees are used.
- Respondents indicated high levels of satisfaction with several service offices including: the Wellness Center, Library, Student Health, Campus Shuttle, and the Memorial Union.
- Low satisfaction scores were reported for Campus Police, the Housing Office, and the Parking Office.
- 83% of respondents reported being satisfied with their experience at UND in general.
- 78% of respondents would enroll at UND again if given the chance to start over.
- 63% would choose the same major again if they could start over.