

2005-06

Graduating Senior Report Card

Results

(N = 7,915)

Due to rounding, some percentages may total 99 or 101.

Items with an asterisk () indicate a non-response rate of 15% or more.*

Note:

- A revised version of the survey was completed by 6,115 respondents. 15 items, preceded by 'N,' appear only on this version.
- All other items appear on both versions



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

2005-'06 Graduating Senior Report Card

Dear Graduating Senior:

During your years as an undergraduate student at Arizona State University, your academic performance has been continually evaluated. Now, it is time for you to do the same for ASU by completing the ASU *GRADUATING SENIOR REPORT CARD (GSRC)*. It is vital that every GSRC be completed and returned, because the "grades" or responses you assign are used to help make informed decisions about programs and services at ASU.

Your responses will be kept confidential, so please be honest in your opinions. We ask for your ASU Student ID number for two reasons. First, it allows a match with other information on file (e.g., gender, age), thus saving time and effort for you and us. Second, it helps us manage the survey so you will not receive a follow-up request once you reply. When you have completed the GSRC, place it in the envelope provided and return it to the Graduation Section on your campus or drop it in campus mail.

As a graduating senior, your input is most valuable. While your response is voluntary, please take the time to complete the *Graduating Senior Report Card* and help make Arizona State University even better in the future.

Congratulations on completing your undergraduate program at ASU. We wish you the best of success!!

Regards,

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY EVALUATION

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete all questions on the GSRC with a #2 pencil.
2. Place the GSRC in the pre-addressed envelope.
3. Return the GSRC to the Graduation Section on your campus or drop it in campus mail to the address below.

*** All Responses are Confidential and No Identifying Information is Shared with any Party ***

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A. EXPERIENCES ON CAMPUS

GENERAL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

1. Please describe why you decided to come to ASU.

2. How many times have you participated in an ASU...

| | None | One time | Two times | Three or more times |
|---|------|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| a. research project or program (excluding being a subject in psychology experiments, doing lab work for a course or similar experiences)? (N=7846) | 55% | 19% | 11% | 15% |
| b. performance/public presentation or design project (e.g., gallery show, recital, theater performance, lecture, etc.)? (N=7833) | 60% | 14% | 9% | 18% |

3. How often during your time at ASU have you discussed coursework or assignments with a faculty member outside of class? (N=7887)

| | |
|-----|-------------------------|
| 13% | Once a week |
| 22% | Every few weeks |
| 45% | A few times a semester |
| 17% | Once a semester or less |
| 3% | Never |

4. With how many ASU faculty have you discussed subjects **not related to coursework**? (e.g., career, graduate school, or personal matters) (N=7877)

| | |
|-----|-----------|
| 14% | None |
| 14% | 1 |
| 23% | 2 |
| 20% | 3 |
| 9% | 4 |
| 5% | 5 |
| 15% | 6 or more |

5. Thus far at ASU, about how many hours do you spend in a typical week using a computer on course-related work outside of class. (N=7889)

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|--------------|
| 1% | 0 (zero) hrs/wk | 14% | 16-20 hrs/wk |
| 21% | 1-5 hrs/wk | 6% | 21-25 hrs/wk |
| 30% | 6-10 hrs/wk | 3% | 26-30 hrs/wk |
| 19% | 11-15 hrs/wk | 6% | > 30 hrs/wk |

6a. Do you own a computer that can be connected to the internet? (N=7889)

| | |
|-----|-----|
| 5% | No |
| 95% | Yes |

6b. If 'yes,' is it a laptop that can be connected to the internet? (N=7441)

| | |
|-----|-----|
| 46% | No |
| 54% | Yes |

7. How many on-line courses did you take...

| a. at ASU (N=7863) | | b. elsewhere that counted toward your graduation at ASU? (N=6563*) | |
|--------------------|------|--|------|
| 36% | None | 70% | None |
| 21% | 1 | 13% | 1 |
| 15% | 2 | 8% | 2 |
| 11% | 3 | 4% | 3 |
| 7% | 4 | 2% | 4 |
| 5% | 5 | 1% | 5 |
| 2% | 6 | 1% | 6 |
| 1% | 7 | <1% | 7 |
| 1% | 8 | <1% | 8 |
| <1% | 9 | <1% | 9 |
| 1% | 10+ | 1% | 10+ |

8. To what extent has your experience at ASU contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

| | N | Very much | Quite a bit | Some | Very little |
|--|------|-----------|-------------|------|-------------|
| a. Acquiring a broad general education | 7882 | 42% | 39% | 17% | 2% |
| b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills | 7874 | 32% | 36% | 25% | 7% |
| c. Writing clearly and effectively | 7797 | 29% | 39% | 26% | 6% |
| d. Speaking clearly and effectively | 7872 | 26% | 37% | 28% | 8% |
| e. Thinking critically and analytically | 7873 | 41% | 41% | 17% | 2% |
| f. Analyzing quantitative problems | 7867 | 30% | 39% | 25% | 6% |
| g. Using computing and information technology | 7877 | 31% | 35% | 26% | 7% |
| h. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds | 7873 | 31% | 31% | 26% | 12% |
| N i. Developing a deepened sense of spirituality | 6069 | 13% | 13% | 22% | 53% |

9. In general, how satisfied were you with your overall undergraduate experience (N=7881)

| | | | |
|-----|----------------|----|-------------------|
| 31% | Very Satisfied | 5% | Dissatisfied |
| 62% | Satisfied | 1% | Very Dissatisfied |

10. If you could start over again, would you still attend ASU?(N=7873)

| | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----|---------------|
| 40% | Definitely yes | 12% | Probably no |
| 45% | Probably yes | 2% | Definitely no |

11. To what extent does ASU emphasize 'spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work?' (N=7775)

| | | | |
|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|
| 19% | Very Much | 30% | Some |
| 46% | Quite a bit | 4% | Very Little |

12. How often did each of the following occur?

| | N | Very Often | Often | Sometimes | Never |
|---|------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| a. In my ASU classes, I felt free to express questions and opinions that differed from those of my instructors. | 7874 | 32% | 42% | 25% | 2% |
| b. In my ASU classes, faculty/instructors respected questions and opinions offered by students. | 7867 | 40% | 47% | 13% | <1% |
| c. In my ASU classes, faculty/instructors encouraged questions and opinions that differed from their own. | 7846 | 33% | 41% | 24% | 1% |
| d. Overall, I was treated with respect by ASU faculty/instructors. | 7866 | 53% | 39% | 7% | <1% |

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MAJOR AT ASU

13. What is your current major? _____
 (Note: If you have more than one, what major do you identify with most?)

14. From which college/school below will you receive your degree?
 (Note: If you are in more than one college, choose the one with which you most identify)

Downtown Phoenix campus

- Journalism and Mass Communication, Walter Cronkite School of
- Nursing, College of
- Public Programs, College of
- University College

Polytechnic campus

- Agribusiness & Resource Management, Morrison School of
- East College
- Technology & Applied Sciences, College of

Tempe campus

- Business, W. P. Carey School of
- Design, College of
- Education, College of
- Engineering, Ira A. Fulton School of
- Fine Arts, Katherine K. Herberger College of
- Liberal Arts & Sciences, College of

West campus

- Global Management & Leadership, School of
- Human Services, College of
- Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, New College of
- Teacher Education & Leadership, College of

15. If you were to do it again, would you select the same major? (Refer to the major specified above) (N=7890)
 15% No 66% Yes 19% Don't know/Not sure

16. How do you rate your overall experience at Arizona State University? (N=7832)
 32% Excellent 63% Good 4% Poor 1% Very Poor

17. How satisfied were you with the advising you received in your major field of study? (N=7886)
 25% Very Satisfied 50% Satisfied 16% Dissatisfied 8% Very Dissatisfied 1% Doesn't Apply To Me

18. Academic advising was available when I needed it. (N=7876)
 34% Almost always 35% More often than not 26% Sometimes 5% Almost never <1% Never

| 19. From the perspective of your major area of study, how satisfied are you with each of the following? | | N | Very Satisfied | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Very Dissatisfied | Doesn't Apply To Me |
|---|--|------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| a. Degree Requirements & Advising | | | | | | | |
| 1. Clarity of degree requirements | | 7882 | 36% | 54% | 8% | 2% | <1% |
| 2. Availability of <u>desired</u> courses | | 7875 | 22% | 52% | 21% | 5% | <1% |
| 3. Availability of <u>required</u> courses | | 7861 | 25% | 52% | 18% | 5% | <1% |
| 4. Advising on employment placement | | 7823 | 13% | 39% | 23% | 10% | 16% |
| 5. College/Department advising on courses & requirements | | 7846 | 26% | 53% | 14% | 6% | 1% |
| b. Courses | | | | | | | |
| 1. Quality of instruction in <u>100 and 200 level</u> courses | | 7869 | 19% | 57% | 10% | 2% | 13% |
| 2. Quality of instruction in <u>300 and 400 level</u> courses | | 7869 | 38% | 56% | 5% | 1% | <1% |
| 3. Effect of courses in providing a good general education | | 7820 | 28% | 65% | 6% | 1% | 1% |
| 4. Quality of courses in preparing you for your chosen <u>career</u> | | 7806 | 25% | 56% | 13% | 3% | 2% |
| 5. Quality of courses in preparing you for <u>graduate or professional school</u> | | 7692 | 22% | 53% | 10% | 2% | 13% |
| c. Faculty | | | | | | | |
| 1. Opportunities for interaction with faculty | | 7872 | 32% | 60% | 6% | 1% | <1% |
| 2. Concern of faculty for individual students | | 7866 | 28% | 58% | 11% | 2% | 1% |
| 3. Opportunity to assist faculty with research projects | | 7839 | 16% | 40% | 16% | 3% | 25% |
| d. Other Experiences in Major | | | | | | | |
| 1. Professional preparation | | 7816 | 23% | 58% | 13% | 3% | 3% |
| 2. <u>Overall</u> academic experience in your major | | 7823 | 30% | 63% | 6% | 1% | <1% |

B. EXPERIENCES DURING YOUR SENIOR YEAR

| 1. During your senior year, about how much reading and writing did you do? | | N | None | 1 - 4 | 5 - 10 | 11 - 20 | More than 20 |
|--|--|------|------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|
| a. Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings | | 7831 | 2% | 32% | 38% | 18% | 10% |
| b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment | | 7803 | 24% | 51% | 16% | 5% | 4% |
| c. Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more | | 7753 | 42% | 45% | 8% | 2% | 2% |
| d. Number of written papers or reports of 5-19 pages | | 7801 | 7% | 41% | 35% | 13% | 4% |
| e. Number of written papers or reports of less than 5 pages | | 7837 | 6% | 30% | 30% | 21% | 14% |

| 2. | | During your senior year, about how often have you done each of the following? | | | | |
|----|----|---|------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | | N | Very Often | Often | Sometimes | Never |
| | a. | 7854 | 38% | 34% | 25% | 2% |
| | b. | 7827 | 28% | 37% | 30% | 5% |
| | c. | 7754 | 23% | 31% | 32% | 14% |
| | d. | 7816 | 9% | 19% | 54% | 18% |
| | e. | 7766 | 20% | 37% | 35% | 8% |
| | f. | 7818 | 24% | 35% | 33% | 7% |
| | g. | 7764 | 9% | 13% | 26% | 52% |
| | h. | 7758 | 9% | 13% | 21% | 57% |
| | i. | 7802 | 30% | 30% | 30% | 11% |
| N | j. | 5988 | 42% | 38% | 19% | 1% |
| | k. | 7785 | 26% | 47% | 25% | 2% |
| | l. | 7814 | 24% | 38% | 34% | 5% |
| | m. | 7801 | 22% | 37% | 34% | 7% |
| N | n. | 5988 | 22% | 31% | 35% | 11% |
| N | o. | 6006 | 21% | 31% | 37% | 11% |
| N | p. | 5973 | 13% | 15% | 23% | 50% |
| N | q. | 6008 | 22% | 39% | 34% | 5% |
| N | r. | 6027 | 23% | 43% | 32% | 2% |
| N | s. | 6032 | 27% | 43% | 28% | 2% |

| 3. | | Thinking about your senior year, about how many hours do you spend in a typical week doing each of the following? | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|---|----------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | N | 0 hrs/wk | 1-5 hrs/wk | 6-10 hrs/wk | 11-15 hrs/wk | 16-20 hrs/wk | 21-25 hrs/wk | 26-30 hrs/wk | > 30 hrs/wk |
| | a. | 7819 | 1% | 22% | 31% | 19% | 13% | 6% | 4% | 5% |
| | b. | 7754 | 82% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| | c. | 7755 | 24% | 4% | 6% | 7% | 12% | 13% | 10% | 23% |
| | d. | 7743 | 54% | 26% | 9% | 5% | 3% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| | e. | 7757 | 2% | 25% | 32% | 19% | 11% | 5% | 2% | 5% |
| | f. | 7817 | 60% | 14% | 7% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 7% |

| 4. | | During your senior year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities? | | | | |
|----|----|---|-----------|-------------|------|-------------|
| | | N | Very Much | Quite a bit | Some | Very Little |
| N | a. | 6043 | 24% | 36% | 30% | 10% |
| N | b. | 6039 | 41% | 44% | 14% | 1% |
| N | c. | 6024 | 34% | 42% | 22% | 3% |
| N | d. | 6038 | 35% | 41% | 20% | 4% |
| N | e. | 6030 | 43% | 38% | 16% | 3% |

C. POST GRADUATION PLANS

1. Indicate one response below that best indicates your **employment** plans within the next year. (N=7650)
 26% I have applied for a full-time job (Go to Item 2)
 48% I plan to apply for a full-time job within the next year (Go to Item 8)
 14% I do not plan to apply for a full-time job within the next year (Go to Item 8)
 12% I intend to stay in my current position (Go to Item 3)
2. Have you accepted a job offer? (N=1924)
 62% No (Go to Item 5)
 38% Yes (Go to Item 3)

3. Tell us about your job....

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Position title | Salary |
| Employer | |
| City | State |

4. How closely is this position related to the field you studied at ASU? (N = 1575)
 51% Closely related
 26% Somewhat closely related
 23% Not at all related

5. How many total job offers did you receive? (N=2722)

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ① | ② | ③ | ④+ |
| 39% | 23% | 19% | 10% |

6. How helpful was Career Services with your job search? (N=2786)

- 7% Very Helpful
 20% Somewhat Helpful
 11% Not Helpful
 62% Did Not Use

7. Please describe your response to the item above.

8. Regardless of your plans, how effectively do you think ASU has prepared you for...

| | N | Very Effectively | Effectively | Ineffectively | Very Ineffectively |
|---|------|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| a. a job in your major? | 7724 | 23% | 61% | 13% | 3% |
| b. graduate or professional study in your field? | 7577 | 23% | 64% | 11% | 2% |

9. Indicate one response below that best indicates your **graduate or professional school** plans within the next year. (N=7579)

- 12% I have applied for admission (Go to Item 10)
 35% I plan to apply within the next year (Go to Section D)
 52% I do not plan to apply within the next year (Go to Section D)

10. Have you accepted an admissions offer? (N=889)
 72% No (Go to Section D)
 28% Yes (Go to Item 11)

11. Tell us about your graduate or professional school...

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| College/University | Degree |
| Program of Study | |
| City | State |

D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Where did you graduate from high school/secondary school or obtain your G.E.D.? (N=7794)
 62% In Arizona
 32% In another U.S. state -which state?
 5% In another country
2. Are you an international student? (N=7784)
 96% No
 4% Yes
3. A year from now, where do you think you will be living? (N=7752)
 66% In Arizona
 29% In another U.S. state -which state?
 5% In another country
4. Do you have any children? (N=7799)
 87% No
 13% Yes
5. When you first enrolled at ASU, which of the following **best** described you? (*Mark ONE*) (N=7789)
 48% 1st time college/pre-college student (≤ 11 credit hours)
 38% 2-year community college transfer student (≥12 credit hours)
 14% 4-year college or university transfer student (≥12 credit hours)
6. While enrolled at ASU, did you take courses at a college or university **other than ASU**? (N=7790)
 54% No (Go to Item 8)
 46% Yes (Go to Item 7)

7. Please describe why you took courses elsewhere.

8. Have you been continuously enrolled at ASU since you were first admitted? (N=7804)

- 14% No (Go to Item 9)
 86% Yes (Go to Item 10)

9. How long were you away from ASU before you returned to complete your degree? (N=1079)

- 36% One semester
 25% One year
 39% More than one year

10. What is the highest level of education that your parent(s) completed? (Mark ONE for each parent)
- | | Mother | Father | |
|---|----------|----------|--|
| N | (N=5959) | (N=5932) | |
| | 6% | 7% | Did not finish high school |
| | 22% | 19% | High school graduate/GED |
| | 18% | 15% | Attended college but did not complete degree |
| | 11% | 7% | Associate's degree (A.A., A.S., etc.) |
| | 26% | 28% | Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.) |
| | 13% | 16% | Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.) |
| | 2% | 7% | Doctoral degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D., etc.) |
| | 1% | 2% | Not applicable |

11. Please list the top 4 ways you paid for your ASU education and the estimated % for each.

| % | Source |
|-----|--------|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| 100 | TOTAL |

12. Who or what most influenced you to finish your degree and why?

13. Please provide your Affiliate or ASU ID# in the spaces below.



(As always, information you provide is strictly confidential & no identifying information is shared with any party.)

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |

E. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Some surveys will have an insert with additional items. Please respond to those items using the bubbles below.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 11. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 12. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 13. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 15. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 16. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 17. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 18. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 19. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 20. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. If any ASU faculty or staff positively influenced your experiences at ASU, please complete the information below.

Person 1:

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | Comments: |
| (First name) | (Last name) | |
| Department: | | |
| Position/Title: | | |

Person 2:

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | Comments: |
| (First name) | (Last name) | |
| Department: | | |
| Position/Title: | | |

2. Additional comments:

Thank you for taking the time to complete the GSRC.
Your responses will assist us in improving ASU.