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Graduating Senior Report Card Results

(N = 6,393)

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

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

NOTE:

- An 'early' version of the survey was completed by 1,087 respondents. 12 items, preceded by 'o,' appear only on this version.
- A 'revised' version of the survey was completed by 5,306 respondents. 7 items, preceded by 'n,' appear only on this version.
- All other items appear on both versions.



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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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 will be used to help us 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 (first floor, Student Services Building) 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,

Patricia J. Green
Director, OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY EVALUATION & TESTING

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* either to the Graduation Section (SSV-140) 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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I. EXPERIENCES ON CAMPUS

A. GENERAL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

1. Thinking about all the classes you've taken at ASU, please indicate **how much you agree or disagree** with each statement.

	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Most of my classes at ASU have been stimulating.	6,087	14%	76%	10%	1%
b. Most of my classes have had too many students in them.	5,981	9%	30%	57%	4%
c. Most of my teachers at ASU have been available <u>outside</u> of class to help me.	5,959	23%	69%	7%	1%
d. Too many of my classes at ASU have been taught by graduate students.	5,960	6%	17%	63%	13%

2. How many times have you participated in an ASU **research project or program** (excluding being a subject in psychology experiments, doing lab work for a course or similar experiences)? (N=6,345)
- | | | | | | | | |
|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|-----------|-----|---------------------|
| 58% | None | 17% | One time | 11% | Two times | 13% | Three or more times |
|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|-----------|-----|---------------------|

3. How many times have you participated in an ASU **performance/public presentation or design project** (e.g., gallery show, recital, theater performance, lecture, etc.)? (N=6,344)
- | | | | | | | | |
|-----|------|-----|----------|----|-----------|-----|---------------------|
| 69% | None | 11% | One time | 6% | Two times | 14% | Three or more times |
|-----|------|-----|----------|----|-----------|-----|---------------------|

4. How often during your time at ASU have you discussed coursework or assignments with a faculty member **outside of class**? (N=6,356)
- | | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 13% | Once a week | 16% | Once a semester or less |
| 24% | Every few weeks | 4% | Never |
| 44% | A few times a semester | | |

5. With how many ASU faculty have you discussed subjects **not related to coursework**? (e.g., career, graduate school, or personal matters) (N=6,350)
- | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----------|
| None | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 or more |
| 16% | 15% | 23% | 20% | 10% | 4% | 13% |

- n6. 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=5,270)

Hours per week							
0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	>30
1%	30%	30%	17%	11%	5%	2%	4%

- 7a. Do you own a computer that can be connected to the internet? (N=6,354)

N	%	
703	11%	No
5,651	89%	Yes

- n7b. If 'yes,' is it a laptop that can be connected to the internet? (N=4,620)

N	%	
3,363	73%	No
1,257	27%	Yes

8. How many on-line courses did you take **at ASU**? (N=6,353)
- | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| None | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 + |
| 66% | 18% | 9% | 4% | 2% | 1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% |

9. How many on-line courses did you take **elsewhere** that counted toward your graduation at ASU? (N=6,354)
- | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| None | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 + |
| 86% | 7% | 3% | 2% | 1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% | <1% |

10a. Of how much importance do you think each skill or knowledge area will be to your success after graduation?

	N	Critical	Much	Some	Little	None
a. Awareness & knowledge of human history	6,319	12%	30%	41%	15%	3%
b. Skills & techniques directly applicable to a job	6,222	48%	33%	15%	4%	1%
c. Ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively	6,186	58%	30%	10%	2%	1%
d. Appreciation of art, music, & drama	6,154	11%	20%	33%	26%	10%
e. Knowledge & understanding of important literature	6,263	11%	25%	37%	21%	6%
f. Awareness of different cultures & ways of life in the U.S.	6,301	34%	37%	21%	6%	2%
g. Ability to recognize assumptions, make logical inferences, & reach conclusions	6,310	57%	32%	9%	1%	<1%
h. Understanding scientific theory & experimentation	6,311	21%	28%	32%	16%	3%
i. Ability to withhold judgment, raise questions, & examine contrary views	6,319	47%	38%	12%	2%	<1%
j. Appreciation for community & civic involvement	6,297	21%	36%	31%	10%	2%
k. Ability to use computers	6,183	66%	23%	9%	1%	<1%
l. Ability to speak clearly, correctly, & efficiently	6,296	68%	24%	7%	1%	<1%
m. Awareness of people and values outside of U.S.	6,318	33%	38%	22%	6%	1%
n. Knowledge & understanding of math & statistics	6,318	25%	36%	28%	10%	2%
o. Knowledge & understanding of social sciences	6,325	21%	37%	31%	9%	1%

10b. How much have your experiences at ASU helped you attain this skill or knowledge?

	N	Very Much	Much	Some	Little	None
a. Awareness & knowledge of human history	6,188	9%	28%	42%	17%	4%
b. Skills & techniques directly applicable to a job	6,136	21%	37%	30%	10%	2%
c. Ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively	6,079	25%	41%	26%	7%	2%
d. Appreciation of art, music, & drama	6,039	10%	18%	35%	24%	13%
e. Knowledge & understanding of important literature	6,128	9%	23%	37%	23%	8%
f. Awareness of different cultures & ways of life in the U.S.	6,176	19%	35%	32%	11%	2%
g. Ability to recognize assumptions, make logical inferences, & reach conclusions	6,165	21%	45%	28%	5%	1%
h. Understanding scientific theory & experimentation	6,186	16%	30%	35%	15%	3%
i. Ability to withhold judgment, raise questions, & examine contrary views	6,180	19%	39%	32%	8%	1%
j. Appreciation for community & civic involvement	6,166	10%	23%	35%	24%	8%
k. Ability to use computers	6,032	27%	33%	26%	11%	3%
l. Ability to speak clearly, correctly, & efficiently	6,177	20%	39%	30%	9%	2%
m. Awareness of people and values outside of U.S.	6,177	16%	31%	35%	14%	4%
n. Knowledge & understanding of math & statistics	6,187	15%	34%	34%	14%	4%
o. Knowledge & understanding of social sciences	6,183	16%	33%	37%	12%	2%

B. UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MAJOR AT ASU

1. What is your major, according to your status when you graduate? (**Indicate only one major**)

Major: _____

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2. What disciplinary College or School will you be graduating from? (N=6,391)

N	%	
141	2%	Architecture & Environmental Design
1267	20%	Business
446	7%	Education
586	9%	Engineering & Applied Sciences
310	5%	Fine Arts
1705	27%	Liberal Arts & Sciences
150	2%	Nursing
938	15%	Public Programs, including Social Work
536	8%	Undergraduate Academic Services (B.I.S.)
39	1%	Morrison School of Agribusiness & Resource Management
106	2%	Technology & Applied Sciences
167	3%	East College

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

3. If you were to do it again, would you select the same major? (Refer to the major specified above) (N=6,363)
 18% No 64% Yes 18% Don't know/Not sure

oib4. To the best of your knowledge, how would you rank your academic department/program, compared to other universities? (N=1,082)
 20% Among the **best** 29% About average 1% Among the **worst**
 34% Better than most 6% Not as good as most 9% Unsure/Don't Know

4. How satisfied were you with the advising you received in your major field of study? (N=6,359)

Very Satisfied	23%	Satisfied	49%	Dissatisfied	17%	Very Dissatisfied	11%	Doesn't Apply To Me	1%
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oib6. Will you participate in a culminating senior experience (e.g., thesis, capstone course, design project, exhibition, performance, etc.) as part of your final year at ASU? (N=1,079)
 78% No 22% Yes

5. 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	D/A
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a. Degree Requirements & Advising

1. Clarity of degree requirements	6,357	25%	60%	12%	3%	<1%
2. Availability of <u>desired</u> courses	6,362	17%	54%	23%	7%	<1%
3. Availability of <u>required</u> courses	6,350	19%	55%	20%	6%	<1%
4. Advising on employment placement	6,332	8%	36%	27%	15%	15%
5. College/Department advising on courses & requirements	6,357	20%	51%	18%	10%	1%

b. Courses

1. Quality of instruction in <u>100 and 200 level</u> courses	6,354	13%	61%	12%	3%	11%
2. Quality of instruction in <u>300 and 400 level</u> courses	6,353	33%	58%	7%	1%	<1%
3. Effect of courses in providing a good general education	6,347	21%	71%	7%	1%	1%
4. Quality of courses in preparing you for your chosen <u>career</u>	6,346	21%	58%	16%	4%	2%
5. Quality of courses in preparing you for <u>graduate or professional school</u>	6,330	16%	55%	13%	2%	13%

c. Faculty

1. Opportunities for interaction with faculty	6,353	25%	63%	9%	1%	1%
2. Concern of faculty for individual students	6,349	21%	58%	17%	3%	1%
3. Opportunity to assist faculty with research projects	6,334	10%	39%	19%	4%	28%

d. Other Experiences in Major

1. Professional preparation	6,336	18%	60%	16%	3%	3%
2. Quality of field/internship experience(s)	6,330	21%	39%	13%	3%	23%
3. Availability of field/internship experience(s)	6,319	18%	42%	19%	5%	16%
4. Availability of clubs or professional activities	6,328	13%	52%	14%	3%	18%
5. Opportunity to do own research or creative work	6,318	13%	47%	16%	4%	20%
6. <u>Overall</u> academic experience in your major	6,197	20%	71%	8%	1%	<1%

II. OVERALL EVALUATION OF YOUR EXPERIENCES AT ASU

1. How do you rate your overall experience at Arizona State University? (N=6,350)

26% Excellent 68% Good 5% Poor 1% Very Poor

oii2. To the best of your knowledge, how would you rate Arizona State University, compared to other universities? (N=1,075)

12% Among the **best** 39% About average 1% Among the **worst**
 34% Better than most 7% Not as good as most 8% Unsure/Don't Know

n2. Which of the following best represents how YOU feel about an ASU degree? (N=5,269)

46% I feel it is of high quality 51% I feel it is of average quality 3% I feel it is of low quality

n3. Which of the following best represents how OTHERS feel about an ASU degree? (N=5,243)

30% They feel it is of high quality 64% They feel it is of average quality 7% They feel it is of low quality

4. Would you recommend ASU to a friend considering college? (N=6,342)

31% Yes, with no reservations 56% Yes, with some reservations 7% Yes, with strong reservations 4% No, probably not 1% No, not under any circumstance

5. In general, how satisfied were you with each of the following at ASU?

- a. Academic **experience** (courses, professors)
- b. Academic **performance** (GPA, honors)
- c. **Social** experience
- d. **Recreational** experience (SRC, intramurals)
- e. **Cultural** experience
- f. Professional development
- g. Overall undergraduate experience

N	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
6,349	23%	70%	6%	1%
6,344	23%	62%	14%	1%
6,317	26%	59%	13%	2%
6,270	23%	64%	11%	2%
6,307	17%	65%	15%	2%
6,319	17%	63%	17%	2%
6,352	22%	72%	5%	1%

III. EXPERIENCES DURING YOUR SENIOR YEAR

1. During your senior year, about how often have you done each of the following?

	N	Very Often	Often	Sometimes	Never
a. Asked questions in class or contributed in class discussions	6,355	41%	33%	23%	2%
b. Made a class presentation	6,338	31%	36%	28%	5%
c. Rewrote a paper or assignment several times	6,307	13%	20%	35%	32%
d. Came to class unprepared	6,295	3%	9%	56%	31%
e. Worked with other students on projects during class	6,318	24%	38%	33%	5%
f. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments	6,286	26%	36%	30%	8%
g. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	6,293	9%	12%	27%	52%
h. Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course	6,240	7%	11%	23%	60%
i. Used an electronic medium (e-mail, listserv, chat group, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	6,316	35%	30%	27%	8%
j. Received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral)	6,338	21%	48%	29%	2%
k. Discussed ideas from your reading or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	6,335	24%	40%	32%	4%
l. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	5,251*	20%	36%	36%	8%

2. During your senior year, about how much reading and writing did you do?	N	None	1 - 4	5 - 10	11 - 20	> 20
a. Number of assigned textbooks, books, or book-length packs of course readings	6,321	2%	28%	39%	21%	11%
b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned)	6,318	23%	52%	15%	5%	3%
c. Number of written papers or reports of 20 pages or more	6,288	41%	47%	9%	2%	1%
d. Number of written papers or reports of 5-19 pages	6,315	6%	40%	34%	14%	6%
e. Number of written papers or reports of less than 5 pages	5,241*	5%	30%	30%	21%	14%

3. During your senior year, to what extent has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities?	N	Very Much	Quite a bit	Some	Very Little
a. Memorizing facts, ideas or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	6,346	24%	37%	30%	9%
b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	6,346	40%	44%	14%	1%
c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	6,343	33%	42%	21%	3%
d. Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	6,344	35%	41%	20%	4%
e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	6,341	40%	38%	18%	4%

n4. To what extent does ASU emphasize 'spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work? (N=5,253)

17% Very Much 51% Quite a bit 29% Some 4% Very Little

5. 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. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, and other activities related to your academic program)	6,308	1%	25%	30%	19%	13%	6%	3%	4%
b. Working for pay on campus	6,249	82%	3%	4%	4%	5%	1%	1%	1%
c. Working for pay off campus	6,249	26%	4%	6%	7%	13%	12%	11%	21%
d. Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, social fraternity or sorority, intercollegiate or intramural sports, etc.)	6,284	55%	27%	9%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%
e. Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, exercising, playing games, etc.)	6,295	2%	25%	31%	19%	12%	5%	3%	3%
f. Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	6,307	63%	13%	7%	4%	4%	2%	1%	7%

oiii5. Mark the oval that best represents the nature of the examinations you have taken during your senior year at ASU. (N=1,060)

Mostly multiple-choice or short answer	7%	11%	15%	26%	15%	17%	9%	Mostly essay or open-ended problems
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IV. POST GRADUATION PLANS

	N	Highly Likely	Maybe	Unlikely
1. What do you think you'll be doing a year after you leave ASU? How likely are you to be...				
a. A <i>full-time</i> student in a graduate or professional program?	6,080	24%	29%	47%
b. A <i>part-time</i> student in a graduate or professional program?	6,043	11%	41%	47%
c. Employed <i>full-time</i> (≥ 40 hrs), include military and self-employed, but NOT a TA or RA?	6,218	70%	16%	14%
d. Employed <i>part-time</i> (< 40 hrs), but NOT as a TA or RA?	6,010	11%	34%	55%
e. Taking a break from both work and school?	6,036	4%	14%	82%

2. Have you applied for a full-time job or will you apply for one **within the next year**? (N=6,296)

N	%	
4,529	72%	Yes (Go to Item 3)
1,371	22%	No (Go to Item 7)
396	6%	I intend to stay in my current position (Go to Item 4)

3. Have you accepted a job offer? (N=4,463)

N	%	
3,803	85%	No (Go to Item 7)
660	15%	Yes (Go to Item 4)

4. Tell us about your job....

Position title	Salary	Employer	City	State

5. How closely is this position related to the field you studied at ASU? (N=1,033)

52% Closely related 26% Somewhat closely related 22% Not at all related

6. Did you complete a practicum or internship with this employer? (N=1,031)

63% No 37% Yes

7. Regardless of your plans, how effectively do you think ASU has prepared you for a **job** in your major? (N=6,298)

15% Very Effectively 69% Effectively 14% Ineffectively 2% Very Ineffectively

8. Regardless of your plans, how effectively do you think ASU prepared you for **graduate or professional study** in your field? (N=6,217)

14% Very Effectively 70% Effectively 13% Ineffectively 2% Very Ineffectively

9. Have you applied for graduate or professional school or will you **within the next year**? (N=6,273)

N	%	
4,143	66%	No (Go to Section V)
2,130	34%	Yes (Go to Item 10)

10. Have you accepted an admissions offer? (N= 2,094)

N	%	
1,911	91%	No (Go to Section V)
183	9%	Yes (Go to Item 11)

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

College/University	City	State	Program of Study	Degree

VI. CAMPUS CLIMATE

Mark the oval that best represents the quality of the relationships with people at ASU. *Relationships with...*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
n1. Other Students (N=5,202)* Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging	27%	37%	20%	10%	3%	2%	1%	Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation
n2. Faculty Members (N=5,204)* Available, Helpful, Sympathetic	16%	40%	28%	11%	3%	1%	<1%	Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic
n3. Administrative Personnel and Offices (N=5,199)* Helpful, Considerate, Flexible	12%	27%	27%	18%	8%	6%	3%	Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid

4. If any ASU faculty and/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			

5. Additional comments: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete the GSRC. Your responses will assist us in improving ASU.
Please return the completed Graduating Senior Report Card to the Graduation Section (1st Floor, Student Services Building).