

**2002-03**

***Graduating Senior Report Card***

**Results**

**(N = 6,165)**

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

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



# 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.	5912	14%	75%	11%	1%
b. Most of my classes have had too many students in them.	5804	10%	33%	54%	4%
c. Most of my teachers at ASU have been available <u>outside</u> of class to help me.	5779	23%	69%	7%	1%
d. Too many of my classes at ASU have been taught by graduate students.	5775	6%	18%	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 = 6134)

58% None                      18% One time                      12% Two times                      12% 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 = 6138)

68% None                      11% One time                      7% 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 = 6144)

14% Once a week                      17% Once a semester or less  
 22% Every few weeks                      3% 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 = 6140)

None	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
16%	15%	23%	19%	9%	4%	14%

6. 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 = 6145)

Hours per week							
0 (zero)	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	>30
1%	26%	31%	17%	12%	6%	3%	5%

7a. Do you own a computer that can be connected to the internet? (N = 6147)

N	%	
552	9%	No
5595	91%	Yes

7b. If 'yes,' is it a laptop that can be connected to the internet? (N = 5523)

68% No                      32% Yes

8. How many on-line courses did you take **at ASU**? (N = 6141)

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 +
57%	20%	11%	6%	3%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%

9. How many on-line courses did you take **elsewhere** that counted toward your graduation at ASU? (N = 6147)

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 +
83%	8%	4%	2%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%

10. 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	6138	40%	42%	16%	2%
b. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	6122	27%	37%	29%	8%
c. Writing clearly and effectively	6123	27%	41%	27%	5%
d. Speaking clearly and effectively	6117	24%	40%	28%	8%
e. Thinking critically and analytically	6114	36%	45%	16%	3%
f. Analyzing quantitative problems	6100	26%	42%	26%	6%
g. Using computing and information technology	6114	30%	37%	26%	8%
h. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	6125	26%	32%	28%	13%

## B. UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MAJOR AT ASU

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

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What disciplinary College or School will you be graduating from? (Mark only ONE)

(N = 6162)

- 2% Architecture & Environmental Design
- 20% Business
- 5% Education
- 10% Engineering & Applied Sciences
- 5% Fine Arts
- 25% Liberal Arts & Sciences
- 2% Nursing
- 15% Public Programs
- 8% Undergraduate Academic Services (B.I.S.)
- 1% Morrison School of Agribusiness & Resource Management
- 2% Technology & Applied Sciences
- 5% East College

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3. If you were to do it again, would you select the same major? (Refer to the major specified above) (N = 6143)

19% No                      62% Yes                      19% Don't know/Not sure

4. How satisfied were you with the advising you received in your major field of study? (N = 6148)

Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Doesn't Apply To Me
25%	48%	16%	10%	1%

5. Academic advising was available when I needed it. (N = 6144)

Almost always	More often than not	Sometimes	Almost never	Never
32%	33%	28%	7%	1%

6. 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
<b>a. Degree Requirements &amp; Advising</b>							
1.	Clarity of degree requirements	6132	28%	59%	10%	3%	<1%
2.	Availability of <u>desired</u> courses	6124	18%	52%	23%	7%	<1%
3.	Availability of <u>required</u> courses	6114	21%	52%	21%	6%	<1%
4.	Advising on employment placement	6105	8%	35%	27%	14%	15%
5.	College/Department advising on courses & requirements	6111	21%	54%	16%	7%	1%
<b>b. Courses</b>							
1.	Quality of instruction in <u>100 and 200 level</u> courses	6120	14%	61%	12%	3%	10%
2.	Quality of instruction in <u>300 and 400 level</u> courses	6118	33%	59%	7%	1%	<1%
3.	Effect of courses in providing a good general education	6104	23%	70%	6%	1%	<1%
4.	Quality of courses in preparing you for your chosen <u>career</u>	6102	20%	58%	16%	4%	3%
5.	Quality of courses in preparing you for <u>graduate or professional school</u>	6090	16%	54%	13%	3%	13%
<b>c. Faculty</b>							
1.	Opportunities for interaction with faculty	6118	24%	65%	9%	1%	1%
2.	Concern of faculty for individual students	6104	20%	59%	17%	3%	1%
3.	Opportunity to assist faculty with research projects	6099	10%	39%	19%	5%	27%
<b>d. Other Experiences in Major</b>							
1.	Professional preparation	6104	18%	60%	15%	3%	4%
2.	Quality of field/internship experience(s)	6097	21%	39%	14%	3%	24%
3.	Availability of field/internship experience(s)	6080	18%	41%	20%	6%	16%
4.	Availability of clubs or professional activities	6077	15%	52%	14%	2%	18%
5.	Opportunity to do own research or creative work	6058	15%	47%	16%	3%	18%
6.	<u>Overall</u> academic experience in your major	5989	23%	68%	8%	1%	<1%

## II. OVERALL EVALUATION OF YOUR EXPERIENCES AT ASU

- How do you rate your overall experience at Arizona State University? (N = 6120)  
 28% Excellent      66% Good      5% Poor      1% Very Poor
- Which of the following best represents how YOU feel about an ASU degree? (N = 6108)  
 45% I feel it is of high quality      52% I feel it is of average quality      3% I feel it is of low quality
- Which of the following best represents how OTHERS feel about an ASU degree? (N = 6076)  
 28% They feel it is of high quality      65% They feel it is of average quality      7% They feel it is of low quality
- Would you recommend ASU to a friend considering college? (Mark ONE) (N = 6108)  
 31% Yes, with no reservations      56% Yes, with some reservations      7% Yes, with strong reservations      5% No, probably not      1% No, not under any circumstance
- In general, how satisfied were you with each of the following at ASU?
 

	N	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
a. Academic <b>experience</b> (courses, professors)	6122	25%	68%	6%	1%
b. Academic <b>performance</b> (GPA, honors)	6110	24%	62%	13%	1%
c. <b>Social</b> experience	6101	29%	56%	13%	2%
d. <b>Recreational</b> experience (SRC, intramurals)	6034	25%	62%	11%	2%
e. <b>Cultural</b> experience	6067	20%	63%	14%	3%
f. Professional development	6089	18%	64%	16%	2%
g. <u>Overall</u> undergraduate experience	6118	24%	71%	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	6117	44%	32%	22%	2%
b.	Made a class presentation	6111	36%	36%	24%	4%
c.	Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in	6080	29%	32%	27%	12%
d.	Came to class without completing readings or assignments	6076	11%	22%	53%	14%
e.	Worked with other students on projects <b>during class</b>	6060	26%	38%	29%	7%
f.	Worked with classmates <b>outside of class</b> to prepare class assignments	6063	30%	34%	29%	8%
g.	Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)	6058	9%	14%	25%	52%
h.	Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course	6019	8%	13%	22%	57%
i.	Used an electronic medium (listserv, chat group, internet, etc.) to discuss or complete an assignment	6080	25%	29%	30%	15%
j.	Received prompt feedback from faculty on your academic performance (written or oral)	6081	21%	48%	28%	3%
k.	Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.)	6087	23%	39%	33%	5%
l.	Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations	6089	23%	37%	33%	8%

2. 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	6076	1%	29%	40%	19%	11%
b.	Number of books read on your own (not assigned)	6074	24%	52%	15%	5%	4%
c.	Number of written papers or reports of <b>20 pages or more</b>	6050	40%	48%	8%	2%	2%
d.	Number of written papers or reports of <b>5-19 pages</b>	6075	6%	42%	35%	13%	4%
e.	Number of written papers or reports of <b>less than 5 pages</b>	6077	5%	31%	30%	20%	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.	<b>Memorizing</b> facts, ideas or methods from your courses and readings so you can repeat them in pretty much the same form	6112	25%	37%	30%	9%
b.	<b>Analyzing</b> the basic elements of an idea, experience or theory such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components	6109	40%	45%	13%	1%
c.	<b>Synthesizing</b> and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations and relationships	6105	34%	42%	21%	3%
d.	<b>Making judgments</b> about the value of information, arguments, or methods such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions	6095	34%	43%	19%	4%
e.	<b>Applying</b> theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations	6101	40%	40%	17%	3%

4. To what extent does ASU emphasize 'spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work?' (N = 6099)

18% Very Much      50% Quite a bit      28% Some      4% Very Little

Hours per week

		N	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	>30
5.	Thinking about your senior year, about how many hours do you spend in a typical week doing each of the following?									
a.	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, and other activities related to your academic program)	6052	1%	26%	32%	17%	12%	5%	3%	4%
b.	Working for pay <b>on campus</b>	5989	81%	3%	4%	4%	5%	2%	1%	1%
c.	Working for pay <b>off campus</b>	6007	25%	4%	6%	8%	13%	12%	11%	20%
d.	Participating in co-curricular activities (organizations, campus publications, student government, etc.)	6011	58%	25%	8%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%
e.	Relaxing and socializing (watching TV, partying, exercising, etc.)	6029	2%	25%	31%	19%	12%	5%	3%	4%
f.	Providing care for dependents living with you (parents, children, spouse, etc.)	6055	63%	12%	7%	4%	3%	2%	1%	7%

**IV. POST GRADUATION PLANS**

		N	Highly Likely	Maybe	Unlikely
1.	What do you think you'll be doing a year after you leave ASU? <b>How likely are you to be...</b>				
a.	A <i>full-time</i> student in a graduate or professional program?	5875	26%	27%	46%
b.	A <i>part-time</i> student in a graduate or professional program?	5824	11%	42%	47%
c.	Employed <i>full-time</i> (≥ 35 hrs), include military and self-employed, but NOT a TA or RA?	5973	71%	16%	14%
d.	Employed <i>part-time</i> (< 35 hrs), but NOT as a TA or RA?	5794	12%	35%	53%
e.	Taking a break from both work and school?	5826	4%	14%	82%

2. Have you applied for a full-time job or will you apply for one **within the next year**? (N = 6031)

N	%	
4273	71%	Yes ( <b>Go to Item 3</b> )
1329	22%	No ( <b>Go to Item 7</b> )
429	7%	I intend to stay in my current position ( <b>Go to Item 4</b> )

3. Have you accepted a job offer? (N = 4213)

N	%	
3623	86%	No ( <b>Go to Item 7</b> )
590	14%	Yes ( <b>Go to Item 4</b> )

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 = 987)

49% Closely related      27% Somewhat closely related      24% Not at all related

6. Did you complete a practicum or internship with this employer? (N = 983)

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 = 6031)

15% Very Effectively      68% Effectively      15% Ineffectively      3% Very Ineffectively

8. Regardless of your plans, how effectively do you think ASU prepared you for **graduate or professional study** in your field? (N = 5970)

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

9. Have you applied for graduate or professional school or will you **within the next year**? (N = 6012)

N	%		
3919	65%	No	<b>(Go to Section V)</b>
2093	35%	Yes	<b>(Go to Item 10)</b>

10. Have you accepted an admissions offer? (N = 2053)

92%	No	<b>(Go to Section V)</b>
8%	Yes	<b>(Go to Item 11)</b>

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

College/University	City	State	Program of Study	Degree

## V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Where did you graduate from high school/secondary school or obtain your G.E.D.? (N = 6054)

59% In Arizona      36% In another U.S. state      5% In another country

2. Are you an international student? (N = 6057)

96% No      4% Yes

3. A year from now, where do you think you will be living? (N = 6008)

61% In Arizona      34% In another U.S. state      5% In another country

4a. Do you have any children? (N = 6055)      88% No (N = 5304)      12% Yes (N = 751)

4b. If 'yes'...

a. How many of your children are between **0 - 5 years**?

N	0	1	2	3	4+
573*	22%	56%	19%	2%	<1%
506*	50%	34%	14%	2%	<1%
448*	69%	21%	8%	2%	<1%
467*	72%	10%	8%	5%	4%

b. How many of your children are between **6 - 12 years**?

c. How many of your children are between **13 - 18 years**?

d. How many of your children are between **19 or older**?

5. When you first enrolled at the ASU Main or East Campus, which of the following **best** described you? (N = 6045)

47% 1st time college/pre-college student (≤ 11 credit hours)

37% 2-year community college transfer student (≥12 credit hours)

16% 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 Main** campus? (N = 6062)

55% No      45% Yes

7a. Have you been continuously enrolled at ASU since you were first admitted? (N = 6055)

16% No (Go to 7b)      84% Yes (Go To Item 8)

(N = 976)

(N = 5079)

7b. How long were you away from ASU before you returned to complete your degree? (N = 956)

38% One semester      25% One year      38% More than one year

8. Please provide your ASU ID# in the spaces to the right and shade the respective bubbles below.

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

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**VI. CAMPUS CLIMATE**

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

1. **Other Students** (N = 6059)  
 Friendly, Supportive, Sense of Belonging    30%    37%    19%    9%    4%    2%    1%    Unfriendly, Unsupportive, Sense of Alienation
  
2. **Faculty Members** (N = 6057)  
 Available, Helpful, Sympathetic    18%    39%    28%    11%    3%    1%    <1%    Unavailable, Unhelpful, Unsympathetic
  
3. **Administrative Personnel and Offices** (N = 6053)  
 Helpful, Considerate, Flexible    12%    27%    27%    18%    8%    6%    2%    Unhelpful, Inconsiderate, Rigid

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

<b>Person 1:</b>		<b>Comments:</b> _____
	(First name)                      (Last name)	
Department:		
Position/Title		

<b>Person 2:</b>		<b>Comments:</b> _____
	(First name)                      (Last name)	
Department:		
Position/Title		

5. Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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).**