



Graduating Senior Report Card
1995 - 96
Data Summary

(N = 5,475)



Office of University Evaluation

Introduction

The following summary presents an overview of the data collected from the 1995-96 *Graduating Senior Report Card* (GSRC). The 1995-96 GSRC was a survey of ASU seniors who applied for graduation in December 1995, May 1996, or August 1996. The survey investigates seniors' attitudes regarding ASU, their academic experiences, and their plans for the future. The survey instrument with the percent of students responding to each item is attached.

Methodology

Surveys were completed by 5,475 ASU seniors representing more than 90% of the students who graduated during 1995-96. Surveys were distributed by Cashiering Services from August 1995 through August 1996 when students paid their graduation fees. Completed surveys were either mailed to the Office of University Evaluation (OUE) or were returned to the Graduation Section of the Registrar's Office where they were picked up by OUE staff.

Demographic Summary

All demographic data in the 1995-96 survey were self-reported. Tables 1, 2, and 3 summarize the respondents by college, race/ethnicity, and semester graduated.



Table 1.

<i>College</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>%</i>
Architecture	130	2%
Business	1,177	22%
Education	435	8%
Engineering	738	14%
Fine Arts	324	6%
Liberal Arts	1,635	30%
Nursing	110	2%
Public Programs	762	14%
Social Work	136	2%
TOTAL	5,447¹	100%

¹28 students did not name their college

Table 2.

<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>%</i>
African-American/Black	94	2%
American Indian	71	1%
Asian American	280	5%
Hispanic	414	8%
White	4,154	79%
Other	269	5%
TOTAL	5,282¹	100%

¹193 students did not provide their race/ethnicity

Table 3.

<i>Intended Graduation Semester</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>%</i>
December, 1995	1,747	34%
May, 1996	2,656	52%
August, 1996	749	14%
Total	5,152¹	100%

¹154 students did not provide their graduation semester; 169 indicated they would graduate 12/96



Summary of Selected Items

- Nearly 50% of the seniors rated ASU “among the best” or “better than most universities in the country.”
- 93% were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with their overall undergraduate experience.
- 27% would recommend ASU to a friend without any reservations; 57% would recommend ASU with some reservations.
- 52% of the respondents graduated from an Arizona high school.
- Regarding preparation for the job market, 79% reported that they thought their educational experiences at ASU prepared them “effectively” or “very effectively” for a job in their major field. At the time they completed the survey, 19% had accepted a job offer.
- 84% report their educational experiences at ASU prepared them “effectively” or “very effectively” for graduate study in their field. At the time they completed the survey, 7% had accepted an offer of admission to graduate or professional school.
- 64% would select the same major again, and 54% rated their academic department as “among the best” or “better than most in the country.”
- 46% of the students took courses at another college/university *while* they were enrolled at ASU; 82% had been continuously enrolled at ASU since they were first admitted.
- 90% of seniors were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with their overall academic experience in their major.

The Office of University Evaluation gratefully acknowledges the invaluable assistance provided by Cashiering Services and the Graduation Section of the Registrar's Office in the administration of the survey.



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduating Senior Report Card, 1995 - 96

(N=5,475)

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 filling out this ASU REPORT CARD. It is vital that every REPORT CARD be completed and returned. Your responses or "grades" will be used to help us make informed decisions about programs and services.

Your responses will be kept confidential, so please be honest and frank in your opinions. We are asking for your ASU Student ID number for two reasons. First, it allows a matching 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 REPORT CARD, 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 this 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,

Director, Office of University Evaluation

INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete all questions on the REPORT CARD by circling the number that corresponds to your answer.
- Place the REPORT CARD in the pre-addressed envelope.
- Return the REPORT CARD either to the Graduation Section (SSV-B113A) or drop it in campus mail.

ALL OF YOUR RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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1. EXPERIENCES ON CAMPUS

A. CLASS-RELATED EXPERIENCES

1. We are interested in your opinion about courses you took while attending ASU. For each statement, please circle the number corresponding to your opinion.

If you did **not** take 100 or 200 level courses at ASU, please check the box located to the right and respond only to the 300 and 400 level courses you took at ASU

	100 and 200 level courses at ASU				300 and 400 level courses at ASU			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Most of my classes at ASU have been stimulating.	6%	71%	21%	2%	29%	64%	7%	<1%
b. Most of my classes have had too many students in them.	23%	38%	36%	3%	6%	22%	59%	13%
c. Most of my teachers at ASU have been available <u>outside</u> of class to help me.	16%	67%	15%	2%	32%	60%	7%	1%
d. Too many of my classes at ASU have been taught by graduate students.	12%	23%	55%	10%	6%	12%	58%	24%

B. CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

2. Outside-the-classroom activities and class projects are an important part of your undergraduate experience. We would like you to estimate how often you participated in each of the following activities last semester.

Last semester, how many times did you:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
a. Go to a campus library (study/research)	2%	2%	4%	5%	4%	13%	5%	6%	6%	2%	51
b. Assist faculty on a research project	71%	10%	6%	3%	1%	3%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	4
c. Attend an intercollegiate athletic event	52%	9%	9%	6%	4%	7%	2%	2%	1%	<1%	8
d. Attend extracurricular activities and events (e.g., concert, forum, workshop, film)	37%	11%	13%	9%	5%	10%	3%	2%	2%	<1%	8
e. Volunteer time to campus/community service	69%	6%	5%	4%	2%	3%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	7
f. Use a computer	6%	2%	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%	2%	2%	1%	73
g. Work on small group projects with other students	7%	3%	8%	8%	7%	14%	5%	4%	4%	2%	38
h. Attend a club/organization meeting	47%	8%	8%	5%	3%	6%	2%	1%	2%	<1%	18

C. GENERAL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

3. How old were you when you first enrolled at ASU? _____

4. While enrolled at ASU, did you take courses at a college or university **other than ASU Main** campus?(Circle ONE)

54% No (Go To Item 6) 46% Yes (Continue With Item 4a)

4a. Indicate whether or not each of the following led you to take a course or courses at another campus.

No	Yes		No	Yes	
65%	35%	Large class size at ASU	84%	16%	Difficulty meeting ASU requirements/pre-requisites
69%	31%	Difficulty of courses at ASU	74%	26%	Higher quality of instruction at another institution
34%	66%	High cost of tuition and fees at ASU	26%	74%	More convenient to take course(s) at another institution
47%	53%	Better course availability at another institution	56%	44%	Other: _____

5a. Have you been continuously enrolled at ASU since you were first admitted?

18% No (Go to 5b) 82% Yes (Go To Item 6)

5b. How long were you away from ASU before you returned to complete your degree? (Circle ONE)

35% One semester 25% One year 40% More than one year

6. Make TWO judgments (see **A & B**) for each of the general skills or knowledge areas below, using the scales to the right of each item.

Skill /Knowledge Area	A. How important do you think each skill or knowledge area will be to your success after graduation?					B. How much have your experiences at ASU helped you attain this skill or knowledge?				
	None	Little	Some	Much	Critical	None	Little	Some	Much	Substantial
a. Awareness and knowledge of human history	3%	14%	39%	32%	12%	5%	19%	44%	25%	7%
b. Skills and techniques directly applicable to a job	<1%	4%	14%	27%	54%	3%	14%	32%	33%	18%
c. Ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively	<1%	1%	7%	23%	68%	2%	7%	26%	40%	25%
d. Appreciation of art, music, and drama	7%	21%	34%	22%	16%	13%	25%	33%	18%	11%
e. Knowledge and understanding of important literature (e.g., World, European, American)	3%	19%	39%	27%	12%	7%	23%	38%	23%	9%
f. Awareness of different cultures and ways of life in the U.S.	2%	8%	23%	36%	31%	5%	17%	33%	29%	16%
g. Ability to recognize assumptions, make logical inferences, and reach conclusions	<1%	<1%	8%	27%	64%	1%	7%	29%	41%	22%
h. Understanding scientific theory and experimentation	3%	15%	33%	27%	22%	5%	18%	34%	27%	16%
i. Ability to withhold judgment, raise questions, and examine contrary views	<1%	2%	13%	36%	49%	3%	11%	33%	35%	18%
j. Appreciation for community and civic involvement	3%	11%	33%	32%	21%	19%	28%	33%	14%	6%
k. Ability to use computers	1%	2%	7%	18%	72%	7%	14%	27%	25%	27%
l. Ability to speak clearly, correctly, and efficiently	<1%	2%	7%	23%	68%	5%	12%	32%	33%	18%
m. Awareness of people and values outside of U.S.	2%	7%	24%	34%	33%	8%	20%	34%	25%	13%
n. Knowledge and understanding of the basics of mathematics, statistical concepts and procedures	2%	10%	28%	34%	26%	5%	15%	34%	30%	16%

7. About how many credit hours will you have earned upon graduation? (Circle ONE)

29%	130 or less credit hours	11%	151 - 160 hrs
27%	131 - 140 hrs	7%	161 - 170 hrs
17%	141 - 150 hrs	9%	171 or more credit hours

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

0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
11%	13%	24%	22%	12%	5%	13%

9. The following series of questions asks you to assess the difficulty, quality, and importance of the general studies courses you have taken. You will be asked to rate the courses you have taken at ASU and other institutions separately.

	Didn't Take	Much Too Easy	Too Easy	About Right	Too Difficult	Much Too Difficult
Level of difficulty of ASU general studies courses	5%	2%	11%	75%	7%	<1%
Level of difficulty of general studies courses taken at another institution	10%	4%	17%	65%	3%	<1%
	Didn't Take	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	
Quality of ASU general studies courses for providing a well-rounded education	5%	3%	15%	72%	5%	
Quality of general studies courses taken at another institution for providing a well-rounded education	11%	2%	12%	66%	9%	
	Didn't Take	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
Most of my ASU general studies courses were a waste of time.	5%	8%	20%	58%	9%	
Most of my general studies courses taken at another institution were a waste of time.	10%	5%	18%	56%	11%	

D. CAMPUS CLIMATE

10. For each pair of items, please circle the number located in the position that best characterizes the **faculty-student** climate at Arizona State University.

(Note: An institution's faculty-student climate involves the way faculty members and students relate to each other.)

	Neutral/Unsure					
Care for me as an individual	7%	22%	36%	23%	12%	Think of me as a number
Unapproachable	3%	11%	31%	38%	17%	Approachable
Best	4%	27%	56%	11%	2%	Worst
Tense	2%	11%	39%	39%	9%	Relaxed
Respectful	14%	38%	33%	12%	3%	Disrespectful
Accessible	14%	37%	35%	11%	3%	Inaccessible

E. UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MAJOR AT ASU

First we asked you about your general educational experience. Now, we would like to ask you about **your major**.

11. Complete the following items, according to your status at the time of graduation. (Please **indicate one major** if more than one)

Major: _____ Department: _____
 College/School _____

12. If you were to do it again, would you select the same major? (Refer to the major specified in Item 11)

17% No 64% Yes 19% Don't know/Not sure

13. How would you rank the academic department in which you are receiving your degree?

15% Among the **best** 39% About average 1% Among the **worst**
 39% Better than most 6% Not as good as most

14. How satisfied are you with each of the following in your major?

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Doesn't Apply to me
a. Departmental advising on course selection	11%	21%	40%	26%	2%
b. Advising on employment placement	14%	30%	30%	11%	15%
c. Quality of instruction in <u>100 and 200 level</u> courses	3%	15%	54%	15%	13%
d. Quality of instruction in <u>300 and 400 level</u> courses	2%	7%	40%	50%	1%
e. Quality of courses in preparing you for <u>graduate or professional school</u>	3%	15%	43%	23%	16%
f. Quality of courses in preparing you for your chosen <u>career</u>	5%	18%	45%	28%	4%
g. Effect of courses in providing a good general education	1%	7%	59%	32%	1%
h. Opportunities for interaction with faculty	2%	16%	50%	30%	2%
i. Availability of clubs or professional activities	3%	14%	48%	22%	13%
j. Clarity of degree requirements	6%	16%	48%	29%	1%
k. Availability of <u>required</u> courses	9%	23%	43%	24%	1%
l. Availability of <u>desired</u> courses	10%	26%	42%	20%	2%
m. Opportunity to assist faculty with research projects	8%	19%	33%	10%	30%
n. Concern of faculty for individual students	5%	17%	54%	22%	2%
o. Availability of field/internship experience(s)	8%	19%	34%	22%	17%
p. Quality of field/internship experience(s)	5%	11%	29%	21%	34%
q. <u>Overall</u> academic experience in your major	2%	7%	55%	35%	1%

F. UNIVERSITY SERVICES

20. Below is a list of services available to students at ASU. Please evaluate these services by indicating...

a.) how frequently you used each service in the left column and then

b.) your level of satisfaction with the service in the right column. (Leave blank IF you marked Never)

Frequency Of Use					How satisfied were you with this service?			
Frequently	Occasionally	Seldom	Never		Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼
9%	23%	27%	41%	a. University Academic Advising Center	15%	57%	17%	11%
11%	38%	45%	6%	b. Cashiering Services	26%	65%	6%	3%
71%	17%	7%	5%	c. Intouch-Arizona State University Touch-Tone Telephone System for Registration and Fee Payment	63%	30%	3%	4%
47%	24%	17%	12%	d. Computing Services	21%	49%	20%	10%
4%	9%	18%	69%	e. Writing Center	20%	59%	13%	8%
3%	4%	6%	87%	f. Safety Escort Service	27%	54%	9%	10%
14%	10%	11%	65%	g. FLASH	22%	56%	13%	9%
6%	13%	18%	63%	h. Student Employment Services	18%	61%	14%	7%
4%	10%	44%	42%	i. Graduation Section	18%	71%	8%	3%
42%	33%	16%	9%	j. Memorial Union food vendors	18%	62%	14%	6%
50%	37%	10%	3%	k. ASU Bookstore	22%	61%	12%	5%
54%	30%	11%	5%	l. Library services	32%	58%	7%	3%
53%	30%	11%	6%	m. Library hours	30%	55%	10%	5%
32%	26%	17%	25%	n. Library collections	27%	60%	9%	4%
49%	31%	13%	7%	o. Library facilities	32%	59%	6%	3%

2. Post-Graduation Plans

16. We'd like to know what you think you'll be doing once you leave ASU. At any time between leaving the university and the end of 1996, do you think you will be:

	Unlikely	Maybe	Highly Likely
A full-time student in a graduate or professional program at ASU or elsewhere (law, medicine, doctoral or master's program)	52%	28%	20%
A part-time student in a graduate or professional program	50%	38%	12%
Employed full-time, <i>other than</i> as a graduate or teaching assistant	14%	17%	69%
Employed part-time, <i>other than</i> as a graduate or teaching assistant	49%	35%	16%

17. If you have applied or are planning to apply for a *full-time paid position* sometime in 1995 or 1996, please list up to three positions you're interested in and indicate the current status of your application. Select one response for each position you list. (Go To Item 18 if you are not planning to apply for a full-time, paid position)

Said (will say) YES to an offer

Said (will say) YES to an offer						Company or organization	State, Country
✓	Said (will say) NO to an offer						
✓	✓	Haven't decided on an offer					
✓	✓	✓	They turned me down				
✓	✓	✓	✓	I haven't heard yet			
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	I haven't applied yet		
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	(Position (e.g., nurse, manager))	
19%	1%	8%	2%	18%	52%		
3%	3%	7%	3%	19%	65%		
2%	3%	4%	2%	17%	73%		

18. If you have applied or are applying for admission to any *graduate or professional program* sometime in 1995 or 1996, list up to three programs you're interested in and indicate the current status of your application. Select one response for each program. [If you are not planning to apply for admission to a graduate/professional program, GO TO QUESTION 19.]

Said (will say) YES to an offer

Said (will say) YES to an offer						College/University	City, State, Country	Program of Study	Degree
✓	Said (will say) NO to an offer								
✓	✓	Haven't decided on an offer							
✓	✓	✓	They turned me down						
✓	✓	✓	✓	I haven't heard yet					
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	I haven't applied yet				
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
7%	<1%	4%	2%	16%	71%				
1%	2%	3%	1%	20%	73%				
1%	2%	3%	2%	20%	72%				

19. How effectively do you think your ASU experiences have prepared you for a job in your major? (Circle ONE)

12% Very Effectively 67% Effectively 18% Ineffectively 3% Very Ineffectively
Please Explain:

20. How effectively do you think your ASU experiences prepared you for graduate study in your field? (Circle ONE)

12% Very Effectively 72% Effectively 14% Ineffectively 2% Very Ineffectively
Please Explain:

3. Overall Evaluation of Your Experiences at ASU

21. As a graduating senior, how would you rate Arizona State University? (Circle ONE)

8% Among the **best** 47% About average <1% Among the **worst**
40% Better than most 4% Not as good as most

22. Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with each of the following at ASU?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Your academic EXPERIENCE (courses, professors)	19%	72%	8%	1%
Your social EXPERIENCE	24%	62%	12%	2%
Your academic PERFORMANCE (GPA, honors)	20%	53%	24%	3%
Your recreational EXPERIENCE (SRC, intramurals)	17%	66%	15%	2%
Your cultural EXPERIENCE	14%	68%	15%	3%
Overall undergraduate EXPERIENCE	18%	75%	6%	<1%

23. Would you recommend ASU to a friend considering college? (Circle ONE)

27% Yes, with no reservations 57% Yes, with some reservations 9% Yes, with strong reservations 6% No, probably not 1% No, not under any circumstance

24. If any ASU faculty and/or staff have positively influenced your experiences at ASU, please complete the following information for up to 3 persons. (If item does not apply, go to the next item.)

ASU Employee (name)	Position and Office/Department	Comments

4. Background Information

25. Where did you graduate from high school?

52% In Arizona 42% In another U.S. state 6% In another country

26. Please indicate your predominant racial/ethnic background.

2% African-American, Black 8% Hispanic
 1% American Indian 79% White
 5% Asian American, Pacific Islander 5% Other

27. Please provide your ASU ID# in the spaces to the right

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

28. Are you an international student?

94% No 6% Yes

29. Please indicate the range of your cumulative (overall) GPA. (Circle ONE)

22% 3.5 - 4.0 35% 3.0 - 3.499 33% 2.5 - 2.999 10% 2.0 - 2.499 <1% Below 2.0

30. When you first enrolled at the ASU Main, which of the following **best** described you? (Circle ONE)

33% 1st time freshman/pre-college student (Ú11 credit hours)
 46% 2-year community college transfer student (Ú12 credit hours)
 21% 4-year college or university transfer student (Ú12 credit hours)

31. What semester are you graduating from ASU?
33% December, 1995 50% May, 1996 14% August, 1996 3% December, 1996

5. Overall Impressions

32. Please write a short paragraph to new students coming to ASU. What advice would you give them?

OTHER 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).