



APPENDIX

1997-98

Graduating Senior Report Card

(N = 6,119)

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

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

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ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduating Senior Report Card, 1997 - 98

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,

Director, Office of University Evaluation

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete all questions on the *GSRC*.
2. Place the *GSRC* in the pre-addressed envelope.
3. Return the *GSRC* either to the Graduation Section (SSV-B 113A) or drop it in campus mail.

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I. EXPERIENCES ON CAMPUS

A. CLASS-RELATED EXPERIENCES

1 For those that apply below, please indicate **how much you agree or disagree** with each statement.

	100 / 200 level courses taken at ASU (Skip these columns IF not applicable)					300 / 400 level courses taken at ASU				
	N	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. Most of my classes at ASU have been stimulating.	4,895*	8%	70%	20%	2%	4,713*	2%	9%	63%	26%
b. Most of my classes have had too many students in them.	4,828*	23%	36%	37%	4%	4,707*	15%	57%	21%	7%
c. Most of my teachers at ASU have been available <u>outside</u> of class to help me.	4,777*	19%	65%	13%	3%	4,679*	3%	8%	58%	31%
d. Too many of my classes at ASU have been taught by graduate students.	4,755*	11%	21%	53%	15%	4,693*	29%	54%	12%	5%

B. CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

2. *Last semester, about how many times did you...*

	N	Never	5 Times					10 Times				
a. Use a campus library for study or research	6,054	5%	4%	7%	7%	5%	18%	4%	5%	6%	2%	38%
b. Assist faculty on a research project	5,964	73%	10%	6%	3%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%
c. Attend an intercollegiate athletic event	5,980	45%	9%	9%	6%	3%	9%	2%	2%	2%	1%	12%
d. Volunteer time to campus/community service	5,978	62%	8%	7%	5%	2%	6%	1%	1%	1%	0%	8%
e. Attend extracurricular activities/events (e.g., concert, symposium, workshop, film)	5,914	31%	12%	15%	11%	5%	12%	2%	2%	1%	0%	10%
f. Use a computer	5,875	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	5%	1%	1%	2%	1%	79%
g. Work on small group projects with other students	5,860	7%	5%	7%	9%	6%	15%	4%	4%	4%	2%	37%
h. Attend a club/organization meeting	5,879	46%	8%	8%	5%	3%	7%	2%	1%	1%	0%	18%
i. Become personally involved in a discussion /debate with someone whose race/ethnicity differed from your own .	6,021	36%	8%	9%	7%	4%	11%	2%	2%	2%	1%	18%
j. Participate in discussions with students whose religious beliefs, life views, or values differed from your own	6,035	25%	8%	10%	8%	4%	14%	3%	3%	2%	1%	23%

C. GENERAL UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

3. How old were you when you first enrolled at ASU? Mean = 21.49 Mode = 18

4. While enrolled at ASU, did you take courses at a college or university **other than ASU Main** campus? (N = 6,031)

N	Yes	No
3,189	47%	53%
2,842		

(Skip Item 5)
(Continue With Item 5)

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

N	No	Yes		N	No	Yes	
2,508	67%	33%	Large class size at ASU	2,490	86%	14%	Difficulty meeting ASU requirements/pre-requisites
2,514	71%	29%	Difficulty of courses at ASU	2,481	76%	24%	Higher quality of instruction at another institution
2,609	37%	63%	High cost of tuition and fees at ASU	2,633	27%	73%	More convenient to take course(s) at another institution
2,546	48%	52%	Better course availability at another institution	1,052*	64%	36%	Other: _____

6a. Have you been continuously enrolled at ASU since you were first admitted? (N = 6,054)

19%	No	(Go to 6b)	(N = 1,150)	81%	Yes	(Go To Item 7)	(N = 4,904)
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6b. How long were you away from ASU before you returned to complete your degree? (N = 1,109)

40%	One semester	21%	One year	39%	More than one year
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7. 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. (Circle the number that corresponds to your answer)

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?					
	N	Critical	Much	Some	Little	None	N	Very Much	Much	Some	Little	None
a. Awareness and knowledge of human history	6,048	14%	29%	40%	15%	3%	5,861	11%	26%	42%	18%	4%
b. Skills and techniques directly applicable to a job	6,035	52%	28%	14%	4%	1%	5,844	23%	34%	29%	11%	2%
c. Ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively	5,949	63%	27%	8%	1%	0%	5,762	27%	40%	26%	6%	1%
d. Appreciation of art, music, and drama	5,935	12%	20%	34%	24%	10%	5,743	10%	20%	34%	24%	12%
e. Knowledge and understanding of important literature (e.g., World, European, American)	6,017	10%	21%	36%	25%	8%	5,833	9%	18%	35%	26%	12%
f. Awareness of different cultures and ways of life in the U.S.	6,005	36%	35%	21%	6%	2%	5,821	19%	30%	34%	13%	3%
g. Ability to recognize assumptions, make logical inferences, and reach conclusions	6,026	64%	27%	8%	1%	0%	5,842	24%	41%	28%	5%	1%
h. Understanding scientific theory and experimentation	5,998	24%	28%	31%	14%	4%	5,817	19%	28%	33%	16%	4%
i. Ability to withhold judgment, raise questions, and examine contrary views	6,029	53%	33%	12%	2%	0%	5,838	20%	38%	32%	9%	2%
j. Appreciation for community and civic involvement	5,995	23%	35%	31%	10%	3%	5,793	10%	19%	34%	26%	11%
k. Ability to use computers	5,899	73%	18%	7%	1%	0%	5,709	33%	30%	24%	9%	4%
l. Ability to speak clearly, correctly, and efficiently	6,002	75%	19%	5%	1%	0%	5,812	23%	36%	30%	9%	3%
m. Awareness of people and values outside of U.S.	6,032	35%	35%	22%	6%	2%	5,843	17%	28%	35%	16%	4%
n. Knowledge and understanding of the basics of mathematics, statistical concepts and procedures	6,037	34%	34%	24%	7%	1%	5,853	19%	32%	34%	12%	4%

8. About how many credit hours will you have earned upon graduation? (N = 5,954)

31%	130 or less credit hours	13%	151 - 160 hrs
24%	131 - 140 hrs	8%	161 - 170 hrs
16%	141 - 150 hrs	8%	171 or more credit hours

9. With how many ASU faculty have you discussed subjects not related to coursework? (e.g., career, graduate school, or personal matters) (N = 6,060)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
10%	14%	26%	20%	10%	5%	14%

For general studies courses (100/200 level) you took **at ASU and / or another institution**, rate them on their difficulty, quality, and importance.

10. In general, the level of difficulty of general studies courses I took at...	N	Didn't Take Any	Much Too Easy	Too Easy	About Right	Too Difficult	Much Too Difficult
a. ASU was...	5,912	5%	2%	11%	74%	7%	1%
b. another institution was...	5,189*	10%	4%	18%	65%	3%	0%

11. In general, how satisfied were you with the well-rounded education the general studies courses provided you at...	N	Didn't Take Any	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
a. ...ASU?	5,928	4%	18%	65%	11%	2%
b. ...another institution?	5,076*	11%	18%	62%	8%	1%

12. In general, how much do you agree or disagree that general studies courses were a waste of time for those you took at...	N	Didn't Take Any	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. ...ASU?	5,917	4%	11%	25%	49%	11%
b. ...another institution?	5,072*	11%	8%	22%	46%	13%

D. UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MAJOR AT ASU

13. What is your major according to your status at the time of graduation. (**Indicate only one major**)

Major: _____

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

--ASU Main Campus--

3%	College of Architecture & Environmental Design	0%	College of Extended Education	14%	College of Public Programs
23%	College of Business	5%	College of Fine Arts	<1%	Division of Undergraduate Academic Services
8%	College of Education	33%	College of Liberal Arts & Sciences	2%	School of Social Work
8%	College of Engineering & Applied Sciences	2%	College of Nursing		

--ASU East Campus--

1%	School of Agribusiness & Resource Management	1%	School of Technology
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15. If you were to do it again, would you select the same major? (Refer to the major specified above) (N = 6,086)

21%	No	62%	Yes	17%	Don't know/Not sure
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16. To the best of your knowledge, how would you rank your academic department/program, compared to other universities? (N = 6,080)

22%	Among the best	27%	About average	2%	Among the worst
33%	Better than most	7%	Not as good as most	10%	Unsure/Don't Know

17. 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. Departmental advising on course selection	6,080	16%	47%	21%	13%	2%
b. Advising on employment placement	6,007	7%	33%	27%	14%	18%
c. Quality of instruction in <u>100 and 200 level</u> courses	6,038	9%	62%	14%	4%	11%
d. Quality of instruction in <u>300 and 400 level</u> courses	6,027	31%	57%	9%	2%	0%
e. Quality of courses in preparing you for <u>graduate or professional school</u>	6,011	14%	50%	16%	4%	16%
f. Quality of courses in preparing you for your chosen <u>career</u>	6,043	17%	55%	18%	5%	4%
g. Effect of courses in providing a good general education	6,051	18%	72%	8%	1%	1%
h. Opportunities for interaction with faculty	6,055	20%	59%	17%	3%	1%
i. Availability of clubs or professional activities	6,029	14%	54%	15%	3%	14%
j. Clarity of degree requirements	6,049	19%	58%	18%	6%	0%
k. Availability of <u>required</u> courses	6,062	15%	50%	24%	10%	0%
l. Availability of <u>desired</u> courses	6,047	12%	48%	28%	11%	1%
m. Opportunity to assist faculty with research projects/performances	5,975	6%	35%	20%	6%	33%
n. Concern of faculty for individual students	6,022	14%	58%	20%	7%	2%
o. Availability of field/internship experience(s)	6,046	16%	42%	19%	7%	16%
p. Quality of field/internship experience(s)	6,012	16%	35%	11%	4%	34%
q. <u>Overall</u> academic experience in your major	6,058	19%	69%	10%	2%	0%

E. UNIVERSITY SERVICES

18. 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)

a.) Frequency Of Use						b.) How satisfied were you with this service?				
N	Never	Occasionally	Often	Very Often		N	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
5,954	49%	38%	8%	5%	a. Career Services	2,941	17%	66%	11%	4%
5,970	7%	75%	14%	4%	b. Cashiering Services	5,443	20%	75%	4%	1%
5,867	31%	65%	3%	1%	c. Graduation Section	3,884	15%	80%	4%	1%
5,840	24%	32%	23%	21%	d. Library Collections	4,317	24%	68%	7%	2%
5,964	2%	11%	30%	57%	e. Intouch (Telephone Registration & Tuition Payment System)	5,711	48%	46%	4%	1%
5,827	3%	26%	32%	39%	f. Library Facilities (e.g., study areas, restrooms, etc.)	5,483	31%	63%	5%	1%
5,821	32%	42%	17%	9%	g. Undergraduate Academic Advising Center	3,818	13%	58%	20%	9%
5,779	18%	43%	20%	18%	h. Library Services (e.g., circulation desk, inter-library loan)	4,580	24%	69%	5%	2%
5,876	1%	28%	40%	30%	i. ASU Bookstore	5,638	18%	66%	12%	4%
5,833	27%	43%	19%	11%	j. ASU Copy Services	4,099	17%	73%	7%	2%
5,841	36%	25%	20%	19%	k. Financial Aid Services	3,587	17%	59%	16%	9%
5,762	80%	12%	5%	3%	l. Building Maintenance	1,110	16%	66%	13%	4%
5,838	24%	37%	21%	18%	m. MU Activities and Services	4,265	18%	72%	7%	2%
5,820	87%	10%	2%	1%	n. Safety Escort Service	744	33%	58%	7%	1%
5,846	51%	25%	9%	14%	o. FLASH	2,773	19%	62%	13%	6%

Note: Those who responded 'Never' in Part A are not included in Part B.

II. OVERALL EVALUATION OF YOUR EXPERIENCES AT ASU

1. To the best of your knowledge, how would you rate Arizona State University, compared to other universities? (N = 6,072)

17%	Among the best	35%	About average	1%	Among the worst
36%	Better than most	4%	Not as good as most	7%	Unsure/Don't Know

2. Would you recommend ASU to a friend considering college? (N = 6,067)

34%	Yes, with <u>no</u> reservations	53%	Yes, with <u>some</u> reservations	7%	Yes, with <u>strong</u> reservations	5%	No, probably not	1%	No, not under any circumstance
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3. In general, how satisfied were you with each of the following at ASU?

	N	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
a. Academic experience (courses, professors)	6,065	2%	9%	71%	18%
b. Academic performance (GPA, honors)	6,054	3%	19%	61%	18%
c. Social experience	6,032	3%	13%	64%	20%
d. Recreational experience (SRC, intramurals)	5,865	3%	10%	67%	21%
e. Cultural experience	5,967	4%	15%	68%	13%
f. <u>Overall</u> undergraduate experience	6,056	1%	6%	73%	19%

4. 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

Students sometimes graduate from college with a debt burden (i.e., personal or bank or government loans that helped pay for college expenses).

5. If you have a debt burden, do you worry about being able to repay it/them? (N = 5,651)
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| 24% | No | 6% | Unsure |
| 41% | Yes | 29% | N/A |
6. Was getting a bachelor's degree worth going into/extending your personal debt? (N = 5,650)
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|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| 4% | No | 13% | Unsure |
| 55% | Yes | 28% | N/A |

III. POST GRADUATION PLANS

1. What do you think you'll be doing a year after you leave ASU? *I'll be...*

	N	Highly Likely	Maybe	Unlikely
a. A <i>full-time</i> student in a graduate or professional program?	5,679	21%	25%	54%
b. A <i>part-time</i> student in a graduate or professional program?	5,580	12%	40%	48%
c. Employed <i>full-time</i> (≥40 hrs), include military and self-employed, but NOT a GA, TA, or RA?	5,819	69%	17%	14%
d. Employed <i>part-time</i> (< 40 hrs), but NOT as a GA, TA, or RA?	5,458	9%	32%	59%
e. Taking a break from both work and school?	5,498	4%	13%	83%

2. If working now, will you be working for the same employer? (N = 5,897)

N				
1,668	28%	N/A	(Not Working Now)	(Go To Item 4)
2,646	45%	No	(Go To Item 3)	
1,583	27%	Yes	(Go To Item 3)	

3. How will your (A) title, (B) responsibility, and (C) pay/salary change, if at all, as a result of completing your degree?

(N = 3,945)		(N = 3,943)		(N = 3,938)	
A. TITLE (Mark one below)		B. RESPONSIBILITY (Mark one below)		C. PAY (Mark one below)	
30%	Same title	24%	Same responsibility	22%	Same pay
70%	New title	76%	More responsibility	76%	More pay
		1%	Less responsibility	2%	Less pay

4. Have you applied or do you expect to apply for a full-time job **in your field of study** this year or next year? (N = 5,871)

39% No (Skip Item 5) (N = 2,310) 61% Yes (Go To Item 5) (N = 3,561)

5. Please list up to three job positions you're interested in and the current status (to the best of your knowledge) of your application.

Said (will say) YES to an offer

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

27%	1%	9%	1%	14%	48%	(Position (e.g., nurse, manager) (N = 2,684*))	Salary	Company	State, Country
12%	4%	9%	2%	17%	56%	(N = 1,391*)			
8%	3%	7%	2%	16%	64%	(N = 932*)			

6. Regardless of your plans, how effectively do you think ASU has prepared you for a job in your major? (N = 6,002)

13% Very Effectively 69% Effectively 16% Ineffectively 3% Very Ineffectively
Please Explain: _____

7. Regardless of your plans, how effectively do you think ASU prepared you for graduate study in your field? (N = 5,740)

11% Very Effectively 71% Effectively 15% Ineffectively 2% Very Ineffectively
Please Explain: _____

8. Have you applied or do you expect to apply for grad/professional school this year or next year? (N = 5,954)
 65% No (Skip Item 9) (N = 3,854) 35% Yes (Go To Item 9) (N = 2,100)

9. Please list up to three graduate programs you're interested in and the current status (to the best of your knowledge) of your application.

Said (will say) YES to an offer	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	College/University (N = 1,687*)	City, State, Country	Program of Study	Degree
18%	0%	4%	1%	12%	65%				
9%	2%	5%	1%	15%	69%	(N = 872*)			
7%	2%	5%	1%	17%	68%	(N = 562*)			

IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Where did you graduate from high school/secondary school or obtain your G.E.D.? (N = 6,055)

50% In Arizona 44% In another U.S. state 6% In another country

2. Are you an international student? (N = 6,053)

94% No 6% Yes

3. As best you can, please indicate the range of your cumulative (overall) GPA. (N = 6,048)

26% 3.5 - 4.0 37% 3.0 - 3.499 30% 2.5 - 2.999 7% 2.0 - 2.499 0% Below 2.0

4. When you first enrolled at the ASU Main or East Campus, which of the following **best** described you? (N = 6,028)

37% 1st time college/pre-college student (Ú11 credit hours)
 43% 2-year community college transfer student (Ú12 credit hours)
 20% 4-year college or university transfer student (Ú12 credit hours)

5. Please indicate the month **AND** year you plan to graduate from ASU.

<u>MONTH</u>	&	<u>YEAR</u>
(N = 6,040)		(N = 6,027)
52% May		34% 1997
12% August		66% 1998
36% December		0% 1999

6. 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.)

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V. CAMPUS CLIMATE

1. As best you can, how would you characterize the **racial/ethnic climate** (i.e., how different racial/ethnic groups relate to each other) at ASU on the following dimensions. (Mark one number for each dimension)

N			Neutral/Unsure					
5,919	Tense	1%	9%	40%	33%	17%	Relaxed	
5,902	Hostile	1%	4%	40%	38%	18%	Friendly	
5,898	Intolerant	1%	6%	39%	36%	19%	Tolerant	
5,895	Disrespectful	2%	7%	38%	36%	17%	Respectful	
5,903	Socially Separated	8%	20%	37%	22%	12%	Socially Integrated	

2. How concerned are you about the racial/ethnic climate at ASU? (N = 6,016)

Concerned about	8%	14%	22%	18%	37%	Unconcerned about
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3. From your perspective, has the racial/ethnic climate at ASU changed since you first enrolled? (N = 6,010)

9%	Yes, it's better	57%	No, it hasn't really changed
4%	Yes, it's worse	31%	I'm not sure/don't know

4. Have you had any positive or negative experiences related to race or ethnicity at ASU? (N = 5,738)

N					
3,506	61%	No	→	If 'Yes,' have they been... (N = 2,210)	59% Both Positive & Negative 36% Only Positive 5% Only Negative
2,232	39%	Yes			

5. Have any of your friends had any positive or negative experiences related to race or ethnicity at ASU? (N = 5,708)

N					
3,637	64%	No	→	If 'Yes,' have they been... (N = 2,032)	75% Both Positive & Negative 16% Only Positive 8% Only Negative
2,071	36%	Yes			

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Thank You for taking the time to complete the GSRC. Your response will assist us in improving ASU.
Return the completed GSRC to the Graduation Section (1st Floor, Student Services Building or drop it in campus mail).