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## Senior Survey

Part of Northern Kentucky University's efforts to improve educational programs and services is this survey. All graduating seniors are required to complete the survey to satisfy a "graduation requirement." We very much value your responses. The information gained from past surveys has had a direct impact on programs offered and services rendered. There are 18 questions on the following survey. Completing the survey takes approximately 10 minutes. After you complete the survey, your Diploma Hold will be removed from your student record.

Anticipated semester and year of graduation.

Summer	1	2006	1	2009	4	2012	7
Fall	2	2007	2	2010	5	2013	8
Spring	3	2008	3	2011	6	2014	9

1. In your opinion, how effective was your high school preparation for college work?

Very Ineffective	1
Ineffective	2
Effective	3
Very Effective	4

2. What is the highest level of education attained by either of your parents? **(Please mark only one)**

Less than high school diploma	1	Associate's degree	5
High school diploma	2	Bachelor's degree	6
Technical/Vocational certificate	3	Master's degree	7
Attended college-no degree	4	Ph.D. or professional degree	8

3. If you intend to engage in further formal study, what is the highest degree you eventually hope to receive?

Specialized certification	1	Professional (M.D., J.D., D.V.M.)	4
Master's Degree	2	No further study intended	5
Ph.D. or equivalent	3		

4. Please rate NKU in terms of each of the following.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
a. Instruction quality	1	2	3	4
b. Class availability in my major at reasonable times	1	2	3	4
c. Class availability outside my major at reasonable times	1	2	3	4
d. Value of general studies courses outside my major	1	2	3	4
e. Academic advising quality	1	2	3	4
f. Campus appearance (grounds and outsides of buildings)	1	2	3	4
g. Building interior appearance	1	2	3	4
h. Comfort level inside buildings	1	2	3	4
i. Computing resources availability	1	2	3	4

5. How long will it take you to complete your bachelor's degree (including any time at a previous institution) from the point of your initial enrollment in college?

4 years or less	1
More than four years, less than five years	2
More than five years, less than six years	3
More than six years, less than eight years	4
8 years or more	5

6. Did it take an extra semester or more to complete degree requirements at NKU because ...

	Yes	No
a. a required course or courses were not available	ψ	v
b. work obligations limited my enrollment	ψ	v
c. family obligations limited my enrollment	ψ	v
d. tuition and other costs of attendance limited my enrollment	ψ	v
e. a decision to change majors added to my requirements	ψ	v
f. credits were lost in transferring to NKU	ψ	v

7. Please indicate your abilities when entering NKU and the extent your NKU experience improved your abilities.

	Ability when entering NKU			Improvement through NKU experience		
	Poor	Fair	Good	Little/None	Moderate	Large
a. Clear and effective writing	1	2	3	1	2	3
b. Clear and effective speaking	1	2	3	1	2	3
c. Understanding historical perspectives	1	2	3	1	2	3
d. Problem solving and analytical thinking	1	2	3	1	2	3
e. Interpreting written work	1	2	3	1	2	3
f. Understanding western culture	1	2	3	1	2	3
g. Understanding non-western culture	1	2	3	1	2	3
h. Basic math skills	1	2	3	1	2	3
i. Advanced math skills	1	2	3	1	2	3
j. Application of scientific principles	1	2	3	1	2	3
k. Understanding contemporary social, economic, and political issues	1	2	3	1	2	3
l. Appreciating artistic experience & expression	1	2	3	1	2	3

8. Which of the factors "a" - "k", in question 7 above do you find most important? (mark no more than 5)

a      b      c      d      e      f      g      h      i      j      k      l

9. Please rate the quality of each aspect of your current **primary major** (i.e., your bachelor's degree major)

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	N/A
a. Understanding of requirements for my major	1	2	3	4	5
b. Advisor availability	1	2	3	4	5
c. Advisor helpfulness	1	2	3	4	5
d. Guidance from department regarding graduate school	1	2	3	4	5
e. Instruction quality	1	2	3	4	5
f. Opportunities to interact with faculty	1	2	3	4	5
g. Professional activities/clubs availability	1	2	3	4	5
h. Guidance from department regarding employment	1	2	3	4	5
i. Faculty expertise	1	2	3	4	5
j. Course offering frequency	1	2	3	4	5
k. Communication about courses and scheduling	1	2	3	4	5

10. Please indicate, on average, your use and the availability of the following Stealy Library services and resources.

	Times Used Per Semester			Timely Availability		
	0	1 - 5	6 or more	Usually Unavailable	Usually Available	Always Available
a. books in stacks	0	1	6	1	2	3
b. periodicals, including fiche	0	1	6	1	2	3
c. reference materials	0	1	6	1	2	3
d. materials on reserve	0	1	6	1	2	3
e. computerized resources	0	1	6	1	2	3
f. copiers	0	1	6	1	2	3

11. Please rate the quality of the following services in Steely Library.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Not Used
a. Circulation desk (book check-out)	1	2	3	4	5
b. Reference desk	1	2	3	4	5
c. Periodical desk	1	2	3	4	5
d. Interlibrary loan	1	2	3	4	5
e. Computerized catalog	1	2	3	4	5

12. On average how many hours **per week** do you use a computer in each of the following environments?

	0 hours	1-3 hours	4-8 hours	9 or more hours
a. at home	0	1	4	9
b. at work	0	1	4	9
c. at student lab in AS&T	0	1	4	9
d. at other departmental student lab on campus	0	1	4	9

13a. If you were employed during the past school year, what was your average paid work hours per week (including work-study positions)?

I was not employed	1	Employed 21-30 hrs/wk	4
Employed 1-10 hrs/wk	2	Employed 31-40 hrs/wk	5
Employed 11-20 hrs/wk	3	Employed more than 40 hrs/wk	6

13b. If you were employed during the past school year, how closely related to your major was your job?

Closely related	Moderately related	Slightly related	Not related at all
1	2	3	4

14. For each fund source listed below, please indicate how much you relied on each to pay your NKU costs.

	Heavy Reliance	Moderate Reliance	Slight Reliance	No Reliance
a. Personal income or savings	1	2	3	4
b. Support from parents, guardian, or spouse	1	2	3	4
c. V.A./GI Bill Benefits	1	2	3	4
d. State and Federal Grants	1	2	3	4
e. Student loans	1	2	3	4
f. Work-study	1	2	3	4
g. University scholarships	1	2	3	4
h. Employer tuition subsidies	1	2	3	4

15. On average during the past year, how many hours outside of class time did you spend at NKU each week?

Fewer than 4 hours	4 - 8 hours	More than 8 hours	Lived on campus
1	2	3	4

16. How frequently have you been involved with the following student activities, or used the following

	None	1 - 2	3 - 4	5 or more
a. Student Government	1	2	3	4
b. Athletic Event attendance	1	2	3	4
c. Fine Arts Events attendance	1	2	3	4
d. Intramural Athletics/Campus Rec. participation	1	2	3	4
e. Department/Professional Clubs	1	2	3	4
f. Fraternity/Sorority	1	2	3	4
g. Student Political Groups	1	2	3	4
h. Student Media	1	2	3	4
i. Advising	1	2	3	4

17. Please rate the following services according to your experiences at NKU.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Not Used
a. Admission Services	1	2	3	4	5
b. Registration Services	1	2	3	4	5
c. Financial Aid Services	1	2	3	4	5
d. Tuition Payment Office	1	2	3	4	5
e. Housing Services	1	2	3	4	5
f. Cafeteria	1	2	3	4	5
g. Departmental Computer Labs	1	2	3	4	5
h. Academic Computing Student Lab (AS&T)	1	2	3	4	5
i. Child Care Services	1	2	3	4	5
j. Bookstore	1	2	3	4	5
k. Parking	1	2	3	4	5
l. Campus Security	1	2	3	4	5
m. Career Development Services	1	2	3	4	5
n. Health, Counseling, Testing Services	1	2	3	4	5
o. Academic Advising Resource Center	1	2	3	4	5
p. Learning Assistance Center	1	2	3	4	5
q. Athletic/Recreational Services	1	2	3	4	5
r. Testing and Disability Services	1	2	3	4	5

18. "I would recommend NKU to another student." (Select the answer which best reflects your judgment.)

- 1 Strongly Disagree
- 2 Disagree
- 3 Agree
- 4 Strongly Agree

**Additional Comments:** For any service you rated as "**Poor**" or for unsatisfactory experiences that you had at NKU. Please explain the nature of the problem. Use this space to identify the service and the nature of the problem. If there are services or activities that were not listed, please list them as well. Also, identify any other services not currently offered that would have been beneficial.

Additional Comments

Question 4 Comments:

Question 9 Comments:

Question 16 (additional activities/instructional services used):

Question 17 (additional services used):

Services that would have been beneficial: