

University of Idaho

GRADUATE ALUMNI SURVEY- 2007

Classes of 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003

		UI %			
Number of respondents		n = 312			
Response Rate		51%			
PART I. GENERAL					
Q-1 In general, how satisfied are you with the quality of the following aspects of your life and education at UI?					
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
Overall satisfaction with graduate education	44	52	3	<1	0
Graduate education in my major field	40	53	4	1	2
Education in my minor/cognate field(s)	14	27	2	<1	57
Campus life, social interactions	17	46	4	1	33
Cost of UI (relative to other options)	49	43	3	1	4
Availability of specialized programs	16	48	11	2	23
Convenience of university location I attended	51	39	6	2	3
Academic reputation of the UI	23	64	8	1	4
Research reputation of the UI	22	52	6	1	19
Graduate admissions process	37	57	4	1	1
Career development opportunities	15	51	17	4	13
Q-2 Which of the following best describes your current occupation? (Indicate one only.)					
Employed full-time (35 or more hrs/week)	77				
Self-employed	7				
In military service	1				
Employed part-time (less than 35 hrs/week)	4				
Employed more than 50%, also continuing my education	2				
Primarily studying in advanced program	4				
Caring for home/family/dependents	2				
Unemployed	3				
Q-3A How closely related are the knowledge and skills developed at UI to your current employment?					
Highly related	63				
Moderately related	22				
Slightly related	8				
Not related at all	3				
N/A, I am not employed currently	4				
Q-3B How long did it take you to find employment upon graduation?					
Had a job offer at time of graduation	63				
0-6 months	24				
7-12 months	5				
More than one year	8				
Q-3C How many jobs have you held since graduation?					
1-2	78				
3-4	19				
5 or more	3				

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Q-4 What was your primary purpose in seeking the degree? (Please indicate one only.)			
Extend my expertise in general	13		
Prepare for scholarly research	3		
Prepare for college/university teaching	6		
Prepare for further graduate study	4		
Obtain a professional license or certification	22		
Update and improve professional and technical skills	10		
Qualify for higher pay or job advancement	20		
Personal enrichment, interest in subject/field	13		
Unable to find employment with previous degree	1		
Requirement to retain current position	1		
Career change	8		
Q-5 How did the cost of your UI graduate education compare to costs at other universities with programs in your field?			
Greater cost	4		
About the same cost	15		
Lower cost	41		
Don't know/Didn't inquire	40		
Q-6 In your opinion, how does the debt you incurred compare to the education you received?			
Debt was greater than the value of education received	8		
Debt was worth the education received	53		
The value of the education exceeded the cost	39		
Q-7 How was your graduate study supported financially?			
	Primary Source	Lesser Source	Not Used
Student loans	31	12	57
Scholarships	8	26	66
Personal savings	25	33	42
Summer job earnings	10	29	61
Academic year job used for summer or part-time study	6	10	84
Teaching assistantship	14	10	76
Research assistantship	16	8	76
Parents/guardians	4	8	87
Spouse	9	13	78
On-campus employment while at UI	8	15	77
Off-campus employment while at UI	9	11	80
Veterans' benefits	1	1	98
Disability benefits	0	<1	100
Employer	13	5	82
Other	4	1	95

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Q-8 We would like to ask you about some general services for UI students. Please indicate the quality of the service you received.					
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	NA/Don't Know
Main UI Library, holdings (books, periodicals, etc.)	2	9	38	25	26
Main UI Library Services	1	7	41	25	25
College of Graduate Studies Information (print, web)	2	20	42	11	25
College of Graduate Studies Services	2	22	36	11	30
Q-9 We would like your opinion about some of our programs for UI students. Please indicate the quality of the service you received.					
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	NA/Don't Know
Recreational resources	2	7	24	17	50
Student Health Services	4	11	24	11	50
UI Computer Labs: Access	2	13	35	20	30
Hardware and software	2	13	38	16	31
Help Desk support services	5	16	30	14	35
Cooperative Extension	1	4	13	6	77
Study space on campus I attended	4	15	35	21	25
Student Financial Aid: Funds available	2	11	25	12	50
Services provided	3	8	29	9	51
Programs for international students	1	<1	5	4	90
Programs for minority students	1	1	4	1	94
Major department office	2	13	38	31	16
College graduate/Dean's office	2	16	36	15	31
Off-campus center office	1	5	14	7	74
Registrar's Office	2	16	54	12	15
Business & Accounting-Cashier	1	16	42	10	31
UI Bookstore: Services	3	16	47	16	18
Price	13	41	26	4	16
Computer store	5	10	12	3	70
Campus social activities	3	12	24	7	54
Campus cultural events (theatre, music, dance)	2	10	28	13	48
Career & Professional Planning: Career advising	15	16	16	3	50
Career development events & presentations	13	16	14	2	54
Career fairs	11	11	15	3	50
Internships & job postings	14	13	17	6	50

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PART II. DEPARTMENTAL/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES					
Q-10 Please indicate the extent of your agreement with the following statements:					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	NA/Don't Know
UI has a good academic environment for graduate study.	38	54	3	<1	4
The overall quality of instruction in UI courses was good.	36	56	6	1	1
My UI experience increased my awareness of cultural diversity.	15	33	20	6	25
Technical and computer assistance needed was available at UI.	16	51	13	1	19
Most UI faculty supported my progress as a graduate student.	42	51	5	1	1
Goals and objectives of my program and its courses were made clear.	37	52	9	1	2
I received the theoretical background I needed through courses taken.	34	57	4	2	4
My program of study prepared me well for employment.	33	54	7	1	4
My program's objectives were clearly stated.	32	56	10	1	1
My program of study prepared me well for further advanced study.	28	48	6	1	16
Degree requirements corresponded well with the stated objectives of the program.	31	60	4	1	4
The department attracts and admits high-quality graduate students.	22	53	11	1	13
My ability to collaborate with others was enhanced through my program.	32	49	10	1	8
Professors in my department expect high-quality graduate work.	44	45	8	1	2
I developed a close professional relationship with at least one faculty member.	51	34	9	4	2
UI professors are well-connected with practitioners in business/industry/government/education.	24	44	14	4	15
Critiques on thesis/dissertation and major projects were:					
Timely enough to be useful	27	50	6	1	17
Pertinent and constructive	28	51	5	2	15
I view earning my graduate degree at UI as a significant accomplishment.	62	33	4	1	<1
I would advise a friend with similar interests to study in this department.	49	37	10	2	3

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Q-11 Please rate the quality of the following:					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Academic qualifications of department faculty	49	43	4	<1	3
Quality of teaching in my major field	44	43	11	1	0
Depth of content in graduate courses	36	46	16	2	<1
Standards of quality for student performance	32	52	13	2	0
Willingness of my advisor/major professor to help	59	28	6	4	2
Availability of my advisor/major professor	54	30	9	4	3
Intellectual climate of the department	36	47	14	1	3
Opportunities for interaction with department faculty outside of classes	33	35	15	7	10
Library holdings (literature) in my program area	17	41	17	7	18
Library holdings and service supporting my research area(s)	17	36	17	7	23
Classroom space and facilities/equipment used for my major field courses	21	48	19	4	8
TA office/consulting area (for student assistance)	8	18	11	4	59
Laboratory/work space and equipment for research assistants	6	21	12	4	57
Specialized facilities such as laboratories, studios, and equipment needed for research/creative activity in my major field	9	23	16	6	48
Overall adequacy of department resources supporting graduate programs	17	51	19	5	7
Opportunities for collaborative research/scholarship	15	31	14	6	35
Timely access to courses I needed for my program	30	52	14	4	2
Availability of assistantship to support my studies	17	21	12	9	41
Opportunity for practica, internships	12	25	13	11	38
Overall quality of my graduate education	39	50	9	1	<1
Q-12 Which of the following are required in your program? (Check all that apply.)					
Thesis or dissertation	46				
Major culminating project	27				
Non-thesis research project	17				
Comprehensive written exam(s)	47				
Comprehensive oral exam(s)	24				
Writing suitable for publication	33				
Research methods course(s)	40				
Statistical methods	39				
Internship/practicum	20				
In-depth literature search(es)	41				
Presentations in graduate seminars	37				
Research paper presentations	35				
Applied research or R&D project for business/industry/government/schools/clients	9				
Q-13 Where/how did you take most of the courses applied to your highest degree program?					
UI – Moscow campus	68				
UI – Boise campus	10				
UI - Coeur d'Alene campus	6				
UI - Idaho Falls campus	8				
Video Outreach	4				
Other UI location	4				

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Q-14 Level of highest degree from UI	
Masters	74
MFA	3
JD	11
Doctorate	12
Q-15 Race/Ethnicity	
African American	0
Hispanic American	2
Asian American/Pacific Islander	2
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1
Caucasian American	91
International	3
Mixed Race	<1
Other	<1
Q-16 Gender	
Male	50
Female	50
Q-17 Please indicate the year you received your highest degree.	
2000	28
2001	24
2002	26
2003	14
Other	8

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