

Graduate Student Survey of Academic Experiences

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MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use a No. 2 pencil or a blue or black ink pen only.
- Do not use pens with ink that soaks through the paper.
- Make solid marks that fill the response completely.
- Make no stray marks on this form.

CORRECT: ● INCORRECT: ⊗ ⊘ ⊙ ⊚

1. Please use the scale to the right to indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE in your graduate program at Villanova University. *Please mark only one rating for each statement.*

	Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	Unsure/ NA
A. My program prepares students well for career advancement.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
B. My program offers a logical sequence of courses.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
C. There is ample variety of electives in my program.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
D. There is a good balance between required and elective courses in my program.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
E. Courses are available so that I can finish my degree in a timely manner.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
F. The academic advising within my program is effective.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
G. Career counseling is available within my program.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
H. The sizes of my classes are appropriate for effective learning.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
I. The library and other learning resources that support my program are adequate.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
J. Program requirements are communicated well to the students.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
K. My program prepares students well for doctoral studies.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
L. The faculty in my program maintain effective communication with me.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
M. The faculty in my program are available when I need them.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
N. The faculty in my program have a current and thorough knowledge of their field.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
O. Computer and other technologies that I need are readily accessible.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	
P. Overall, the quality of teaching is high in my graduate program.	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	

2. Think about your overall ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE in your graduate program at Villanova. Please indicate **how frequently** you have experienced each of the following. Regardless of the frequency, please indicate **how much each contributed to your learning experience**.

	How frequently did this occur?			Regardless of the frequency, how much did this contribute to your learning experience?				
	Rarely	Occasionally	Often	Very Little				Greatly
A. Felt challenged intellectually by course readings	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
B. Felt challenged intellectually by other course assignments	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
C. Felt challenged intellectually by the faculty	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
D. Engaged in networking to identify professional opportunities	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
E. Worked collaboratively with other students on assigned projects	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
F. Engaged in active discussion with other students during class	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
G. Engaged in active discussions with faculty during class	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
H. Engaged in active discussions about professional ethics	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
I. Encouraged to solve problems independently	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
J. Used research skills as part of the academic assignments	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
K. Had assignments which required use of library resources	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
L. Had assignments which required use of computers	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
M. Had assignments which required use of Internet/WWW resources	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
N. Had assignments which required use of other technologies	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤
O. Needed to access campus resources from off-site (via Internet)	①	②	③	①	②	③	④	⑤

3. How would you assess the OVERALL QUALITY of your ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE in your graduate program at Villanova?

① Poor ② Fair ③ Good ④ Excellent

4. How would you assess the ACADEMIC DEMANDS of your graduate program at Villanova University?

① Not Challenging ② Somewhat Challenging ③ Challenging ④ Very Challenging

5. Please use the scale to the right to indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about YOUR GRADUATE PROGRAM at Villanova University. Please mark one rating for each statement.

	Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree	Unsure/NA
A. High quality internships are readily available in my program.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
B. There are sufficient research opportunities in my program.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
C. There are sufficient thesis opportunities in my Master's program.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
D. The thesis/dissertation experience was a valuable learning opportunity.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
E. The comprehensive exam significantly contributes to the education experience.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
F. Sufficient attention is given to knowledge of basic concepts in the program.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
My graduate program . . .							
G. prepares students well for employment in academia.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
H. prepares students well for employment in non-academic positions in their field.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
I. fosters my ability to apply theory to practice.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
J. enhances my oral communication skills.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
K. enhances my written communication skills.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
L. provides appropriate technological training.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
M. fosters the ability to work with others.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
N. provides training in and personally exhibits professional ethics.	1	2	3	4	5	6	
O. fosters the ability to teach others.	1	2	3	4	5	6	

6. Are you considered a part-time or full-time student? 1 Full-time 2 Part-time
7. In a typical semester how many graduate courses do you take? 1 1 or 2 Courses 2 3 or 4 Courses
8. What level is your graduate program? 1 Master's 2 Ph.D. 3 Certificate/Non-Degree
9. What is your gender? 1 Female 2 Male
10. What is your age? 1 <25 yrs. 2 25 - 29 3 30 - 39 4 40 - 49 5 50+ yrs.

11. In which graduate program are you currently enrolled?
- 1 Applied Statistics
 - 2 Biology
 - 3 Chemistry
 - 4 Classical Studies
 - 5 Computing Sciences
 - 6 Counseling & Human Relations
 - 7 Criminal Justice
 - 8 Education - Graduate Teacher
 - 9 Education - School Leadership
 - 10 English
 - 11 History
 - 12 Human Resource Development
 - 13 Liberal Studies
 - 14 Mathematics
 - 15 Philosophy
 - 16 Political Science
 - 17 Psychology
 - 18 Public Administration
 - 19 Spanish
 - 20 Theatre
 - 21 Theology and Religious Studies

12. What is your race/ethnicity?
- 1 Asian/jPacific Islander
 - 2 Black/Non-Hispanic
 - 3 Hispanic
 - 4 Native American/Alaskan Native
 - 5 White
 - 6 Other: _____

13. What is your current employment status? Mark all that apply.
- 1 Graduate Assistant/Tuition Scholar
 - 2 Employed Full-time
 - 3 Employed Part-time
 - 4 Not Employed - Seeking Work
 - 5 Not Employed - Not Seeking Work
 - 6 Retired

14. In what year did you begin your graduate studies in this program?

1	9	0	0
2	0	1	1
		2	2
		3	3
		4	4
		5	5
		6	6
		7	7
		8	8
		9	9

15. How many credits have you earned toward your degree?

0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9

16. If you were were making your choice of graduate schools, would you again elect to attend Villanova University? 1 Yes 2 No 3 Unsure

Why or Why Not?