

**Graduate and Professional Student Survey
Spring 2005
University of Kansas - Lawrence and Edwards Campuses**

Highlights

Survey Information

The Graduate and Professional Student Survey (GPSS) was administered online to currently enrolled graduate students in Spring 2005. A link to the survey was emailed to 4,803 Lawrence and Edwards campus degree-seeking graduate students. We received 1,461 valid responses, for a response rate of 30.4%.

Not all respondents answered all of the questions. Percentages for each question are based on valid responses.

The survey was developed by the AAU Data Exchange to be administered by member institutions with the intent that the data would be available for comparative analyses.

Overall Satisfaction

Percentage of either Excellent or Very Good Ratings	
71%	Quality of academic experience at KU
66%	Quality of overall experience at KU
50%	Quality of student life experience at KU
Percentage of either Definitely or Probably Ratings	
69%	Likelihood of selecting KU if they were to start their graduate career again

Faculty

Percentage of either Excellent or Very Good Ratings	
87%	Intellectual quality of the faculty
70%	Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty
67%	Relationship between faculty and graduate students
Percentage of either Strongly Agree or Agree Ratings	
90%	Faculty members were willing to work with them
24%	There were tensions among faculty that affected students

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Program

Percentage of either Excellent or Very Good Ratings	
69%	Intellectual quality of fellow graduate students
67%	Program's ability to integrate recent developments in the field
65%	Overall program quality
65%	Quality of program course work
Percentage of either Strongly Agree or Agree Ratings	
80%	Program content supported their research/professional goals
74%	Program activities fostered a sense of intellectual community

Student Debt

Percentage of Students with No Educational Debt at the End of Their Graduate Program	
53%	No undergraduate debt
39%	No graduate debt

For Those in a Program Requiring a Thesis or Dissertation:

Satisfaction

Percentage of either Very Satisfied or Generally Satisfied Ratings	
88%	Advice received on preparing for candidacy examinations
85%	Professional relationship with their thesis/dissertation supervisor
86%	Advice received on career options within academia
83%	Training in research methods
80%	Advice received on career options outside academia
Percentage of either Strongly Agree or Agree Ratings	
63%	The process of selecting their dissertation committee was satisfactory