

*UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS*

**SENIOR SURVEY**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

You will use BOTH the questionnaire booklet and the enclosed machine-readable answer sheet to complete the survey. Answer all of the NUMBERED survey items by marking your response choices onto the answer sheet.

**Begin with ITEM 1 on the answer sheet. PLEASE DO NOT provide any of the demographic information or mark any other answers in the shaded area on the top half of the answer sheet.**

Use a No. 2 PENCIL to completely darken the oval on the answer sheet that corresponds to your response choice for each item. Please write your answers to the fill-in-the-blank questions and make any comments directly in the questionnaire booklet.

When you have completed the survey, please return BOTH the questionnaire booklet and the machine-readable answer sheet in the postage-paid envelope provided.

*Thank you for your participation!*

**Use the machine-readable answer sheet to respond to the following questions. Begin with ITEM 1 on the answer sheet. DO NOT mark any answers in the shaded area on the top half of the answer sheet. For each item, darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer.**

1. I graduated from high school in the year  
 (1) 1991 or earlier (3) 1993 (5) 1995 (7) 1997  
 (2) 1992 (4) 1994 (6) 1996 (8) 1998 or later
2. I began my college education in the year  
 (1) 1991 or earlier (3) 1993 (5) 1995 (7) 1997  
 (2) 1992 (4) 1994 (6) 1996 (8) 1998 or later
3. I entered KU in the year  
 (1) 1991 or earlier (3) 1993 (5) 1995 (7) 1997  
 (2) 1992 (4) 1994 (6) 1996 (8) 1998 or later
4. Excluding summers, did you have a break of at least one semester in your college education?  
 (1) Yes (ANSWER ITEMS 5-9) (2) No (GO DIRECTLY TO ITEM 10)

*Below are some possible reasons for taking a break from college. Please tell us if any applied to you.*

5. Got married or assumed other family responsibilities..... (1) Yes (2) No
6. Got a job..... (1) Yes (2) No
7. Entered military service..... (1) Yes (2) No
8. Needed a break from school..... (1) Yes (2) No
9. Other (please specify)..... (1) Yes (2) No

*After high school, did you attend any of the following before entering KU?*

10. A two-year, community/junior college..... (1) Yes (2) No
11. A two-year, vocational/technical school..... (1) Yes (2) No
12. Another four-year institution..... (1) Yes (2) No
13. Another type of institution..... (1) Yes (2) No

Please name any other institution(s) you attended:

My academic major(s) 1st \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

14. If I were to start over again, I would ---  
 (Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet which best represents your answer.)  
 (1) Definitely attend KU      (3) Probably not attend KU      (5) Not attend college at all  
 (2) Probably attend KU      (4) Definitely not attend KU
- Please tell us the reason(s) for your answer in item 14.

**Based on your experiences at KU, indicate your satisfaction with the following by using the scale below. Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet which best represents your answer for items 15 through 30.**

very unsatisfactory 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very satisfactory  
 9 -- not applicable, I had only one major

15. My overall education at this institution was
16. The number of courses offered in my -- 1st major field of study was
17. -- 2nd major field of study was
18. The ease of obtaining courses offered in my -- 1st major field was
19. -- 2nd major field was
20. The availability of personal interest courses outside my major field(s) was
21. The ease of obtaining courses to meet my general education requirements was
22. The intellectual challenge offered by the courses in my -- 1st major field was
23. -- 2nd major field was
24. The integration of courses (concepts introduced in one course and clarified in another, etc.)  
 in my -- 1st major field was
25. -- 2nd major field was
26. The overall quality of instruction in my -- 1st major field was
27. -- 2nd major field was
28. The helpfulness of my faculty advisor in assisting me with my vocational plans was
29. The helpfulness of my faculty advisor in resolving academic questions was
30. The ease of meeting with my instructors (other than my advisor) for conferences outside of class was

My specific comments on the areas covered in items 15-30:

**Rate the adequacy of library sources at KU using the scale below. Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer for items 31 and 32.**

very inadequate 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very adequate  
 9 -- I didn't use the library resources

31. For me, library materials and holdings were
32. For me, current hours of library operation are

**Rate the following services at KU using the scale below. Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer for items 33 through 43.**

not helpful 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very helpful  
8 -- I didn't know about the service  
9 -- I knew about the service but I didn't use it

- 33. I found the undergraduate admission procedure
- 34. I found the New Student Orientation (NSO)
- 35. I found the student financial aid services
- 36. I found the student employment services
- 37. I found the job placement services
- 38. I found career counseling and planning service (Watkins Health Center)
- 39. I found the student health services
- 40. I found the counseling services provided by Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- 41. I found the services offered by the Student Development Center
- 42. I found the services offered for the students with disabilities
- 43. I found the assistance provided by library personnel in locating and using materials to be

My specific suggestions for improvement of these services:

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**Rate the following resources at KU using the scale below. Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer for items 44 through 54.**

very dissatisfied 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very satisfied  
8 -- I didn't know about it  
9 -- I knew about it, but I didn't use it

How satisfied were you with:

- 44. The Study Abroad program
- 45. Campus recreational facilities and equipment
- 46. Campus recreational/intramural programs
- 47. University residence hall/scholarship hall facilities
- 48. Programs sponsored by university residence halls/scholarship halls
- 49. Food services provided by university residence halls/scholarship halls
- 50. The Kansas Union/Burge Union food services
- 51. The Student Union Activities (SUA) programs
- 52. Services offered by the Kansas/Burge Union bookstores
- 53. The availability and offerings of the museums
- 54. Computer availability/access on campus

My specific suggestions for improvement of these resources:

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Please evaluate your progress on the college outcomes described in the following six sets of questions. Use the scales provided to answer the first two questions in each set by darkening the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer.

Use the LIST OF EXPERIENCES provided directly below to answer the third question in each set by darkening the oval encircling the letter on the answer sheet that best represents your answer.

- A. Courses in my major field
- B. Other courses
- C. Out-of-class contacts with faculty
- D. Everyday exchange with other students
- E. Interactions with close friends
- F. Participation in institutionally-sponsored organized activities
- G. Work experiences
- H. Exposure to cultural or social events and programs
- I. Student services offices (e.g. Student Assistance Center, University Placement Center, etc.)

55. In my ability to understand and use concepts and principles from several broad areas of learning, I have made  
no progress 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 considerable progress  
9 -- my progress has been negative

56. To me, progress on the above is  
not important 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very important

57. The experience that contributed MOST to my progress in this area was:  
Other experience (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

58. In my ability to understand and relate to other people and their views, I have made  
no progress 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 considerable progress  
9 -- my progress has been negative

59. To me, progress on the above is  
not important 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very important

60. The experience that contributed MOST to my progress in this area was:  
Other experience (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

61. In my awareness and appreciation of literature, music, art, and drama, I have made  
no progress 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 considerable progress  
9 -- my progress has been negative
62. To me, progress on the above is  
not important 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very important
63. The experience that contributed MOST to my progress in this area was:  
Other experience (specify)\_\_\_\_\_
64. In my understanding of a particular field of knowledge, I have made  
no progress 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 considerable progress  
9 -- my progress has been negative
65. To me, progress on the above is  
not important 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very important
66. The experience that contributed MOST to my progress in this area was:  
Other experience (specify)\_\_\_\_\_
67. Regarding my preparation for employment in a particular vocational or professional field, I have made  
no progress 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 considerable progress  
9 -- my progress has been negative
68. To me, progress on the above is  
not important 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very important
69. The experience that contributed MOST to my progress in this area was:  
Other experience (specify)\_\_\_\_\_
70. Concerning the development of my attitudes, values, particular philosophy of life, understanding of myself as a person, and my  
ability to be realistic and adaptable, as well as to make decisions about my own future, I have made  
no progress 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 considerable progress  
9 -- my progress has been negative
71. To me, progress on the above is  
not important 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very important
72. The experience that contributed MOST to my progress in this area was:  
Other experience (specify)\_\_\_\_\_

**Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer for items 73 through 75.**

73. Have you secured a full-time job (35 hours or more per week) in which you plan to work once you complete your current degree here?  
(1) Yes, I have  
(2) No, but I am currently evaluating an offer  
(3) No, but I am currently looking for one  
(4) No, but I will be looking for one within six months  
(5) I will not be looking for one within six months
74. Have you applied for admission to another educational program(s) which would result in obtaining another degree or certificate?  
(1) Yes, I have applied  
(2) No, but I intend to apply within the year  
(3) No, and I will not be applying within the next year
75. Have you been admitted to any of the programs to which you have applied?  
(1) The question is not applicable to me  
(2) Yes, I have been  
(3) No  
(4) No, but I haven't heard from all the programs

If you have been accepted to any other program, what will your major field of study be?

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**Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer to items 76 through 81.**

Regardless of whether you are beginning another educational program at this time, do you intend to seek any of the following additional degrees in the future?

76. Another bachelor's degree..... (1) Yes (2) No (3) Undecided  
77. Master's degree..... (1) Yes (2) No (3) Undecided  
78. Specialist degree in education..... (1) Yes (2) No (3) Undecided  
79. Professional degree (Law--LLB, JD; Medicine--MD; Optometry--OD; Dentistry--DDS, DMD; Veterinary Medicine--DVM; etc.)..... (1) Yes (2) No (3) Undecided  
80. Doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.B.A.)..... (1) Yes (2) No (3) Undecided  
81. Other (please specify)..... (1) Yes (2) No (3) Undecided
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**Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer to items 82 through 86.**

During your undergraduate years at the University of Kansas, did you

82. Publish any of your writing or research..... (1) Yes (2) No  
83. Attend a professional or scholarly meeting or conference ON campus.... (1) Yes (2) No  
84. Attend a professional or scholarly meeting or conference OFF campus... (1) Yes (2) No  
85. Give a talk or exhibit your work at a professional, scholarly, cultural, or artistic conference, meeting, or fair..... (1) Yes (2) No  
86. Participate in other academic activities outside the classroom..... (1) Yes (2) No  
(please specify):\_\_\_\_\_

**While you were at KU, how involved were you with each of the activities or organizations listed below? Answer 'Yes' to as many categories as apply to you in items 87 through 134. FOR EACH ITEM, darken the oval below the '1' if your answer is 'Yes.' Darken the oval below the '2' if your answer is 'No.'**

<b>Activity/Organization</b>	<b>Lived there or was a member</b>	<b>Participated actively</b>	<b>Served as a leader of this group</b>
University residence halls	87. (1) Yes (2) No	88. (1) Yes (2) No	89. (1) Yes (2) No
Fraternities or sororities	90. (1) Yes (2) No	91. (1) Yes (2) No	92. (1) Yes (2) No
Scholarship halls	93. (1) Yes (2) No	94. (1) Yes (2) No	95. (1) Yes (2) No
All-campus student government	96. (1) Yes (2) No	97. (1) Yes (2) No	98. (1) Yes (2) No
Student government committees	99. (1) Yes (2) No	100. (1) Yes (2) No	101. (1) Yes (2) No
University governance committees	102. (1) Yes (2) No	103. (1) Yes (2) No	104. (1) Yes (2) No
Varsity athletic teams	105. (1) Yes (2) No	106. (1) Yes (2) No	107. (1) Yes (2) No
Intramural sports	108. (1) Yes (2) No	109. (1) Yes (2) No	110. (1) Yes (2) No
Academic clubs	111. (1) Yes (2) No	112. (1) Yes (2) No	113. (1) Yes (2) No
Honorary organizations	114. (1) Yes (2) No	115. (1) Yes (2) No	116. (1) Yes (2) No
Religious organizations	117. (1) Yes (2) No	118. (1) Yes (2) No	119. (1) Yes (2) No
Political organizations	120. (1) Yes (2) No	121. (1) Yes (2) No	122. (1) Yes (2) No
Student Union Activities (SUA)	123. (1) Yes (2) No	124. (1) Yes (2) No	125. (1) Yes (2) No
Theater/music/art productions	126. (1) Yes (2) No	127. (1) Yes (2) No	128. (1) Yes (2) No
Service to university community	129. (1) Yes (2) No	130. (1) Yes (2) No	131. (1) Yes (2) No
Other (please specify below)	132. (1) Yes (2) No	133. (1) Yes (2) No	134. (1) Yes (2) No

Please rate your current level of proficiency on the following seven academic characteristics using the scale below. Darken the oval below the number that best represents your answer for items 135 through 141.

- (1) This is an exceptional weakness of mine.
- (2) This is a definite weakness of mine.
- (3) This is more a weakness than a strength for me.
- (4) This is neither a strength nor a weakness for me.
- (5) This is more a strength than a weakness for me.
- (6) This is a definite strength of mine.
- (7) This is an exceptional strength of mine.

- 135. Reading comprehension
- 136. Writing skill
- 137. Critical thinking--making inferences by combining different ideas or facts
- 138. Using mathematical/quantitative data
- 139. Familiarity with the humanities (art, music, literature, philosophy, etc.)
- 140. Familiarity with the natural sciences (chemistry, physics, biology, etc.)
- 141. Familiarity with the social sciences (economics, sociology, history, etc.)

Please list the finest teachers from whom you took courses during your undergraduate years at KU.

Last Name	First Name	Department	Course (if known)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

142. In terms of providing a means for me to express my views about my experiences at KU, this survey was

*(Darken the oval below the number on the answer sheet that best represents your answer.)*

very inadequate 1-----2-----3-----4-----5 very adequate

*Answers to the remaining two questions will help us evaluate and improve the future experience of students at the University of Kansas. Thank you for the time and thought you have put into this survey.*

What was your most positive and worthwhile educational experience while attending the University of Kansas?

What one suggestion would you have for improving the quality of the educational experience for students enrolled in the degree program you are about to complete?

*If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to call the Office of Institutional Research and Planning at 864-4412.*

**Please return this questionnaire booklet and the completed answer sheet to:**

Office of Institutional Research and Planning  
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*A postage-paid envelope is provided.*