

University of Idaho
A SURVEY OF GRADUATE ALUMNI – 2011-2012
Classes of 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007

Number of respondents	n = 474				
Response Rate	22%				
	UI %				
PART I. GENERAL UNIVERSITY					
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 graduate education	39	56	4	1	0
Graduate education in my major field	42	51	4	1	2
Education in my minor/cognate field(s)	14	25	1	1	58
Campus life, social interactions	21	46	5	1	27
Cost of UI (relative to other options)	44	50	3	1	2
Convenience of university location I attended	51	40	4	2	4
Academic reputation of the UI	28	61	10	2	1
Research reputation of the UI	24	54	10	1	10
Graduate admissions process	36	60	2	1	<1
Career development opportunities	17	43	21	6	12
Quality of curriculum	32	59	7	2	<1
Quality of instruction	37	56	5	2	<1
Q-2 Which of the following best describes your current occupation? (Indicate one only.)					
Employed full-time (35 or more hrs/week)	85				
Self-employed	4				
In military service	<1				
Employed part-time (less than 35 hrs/week)	5				
Employed more than 50%, also continuing my education	<1				
Primarily studying in advanced program	2				
Caring for home/family/dependents	2				
Unemployed	2				
Q-3A How closely related are the knowledge and skills developed at UI to your current employment?					
Highly related	62				
Moderately related	22				
Slightly related	8				
Not related at all	5				
N/A, I am not currently employed	3				
Q-3B How long did it take you to find employment upon graduation?					
Had job at time of graduation	58				
Had a job offer at time of graduation	9				
0-6 months	18				
7-12 months	8				
More than one year	7				

Q-3C How many jobs have you held since graduation?		
0		2
1-2		77
3-4		17
5 or more		4
Q-4 What was your <i>primary</i> purpose in seeking the degree? (Please indicate one only.)		
Extend my expertise in general		14
Prepare for scholarly research		5
Prepare for college/university teaching		10
Prepare for further graduate study		2
Obtain a professional license or certification		17
Update and improve professional and technical skills		10
Qualify for higher pay or job advancement		24
Personal enrichment, interest in subject/field		10
Unable to find employment with previous degree		2
Requirement to retain current position		1
Career change		4
Q-5 Please estimate the amount of debt you incurred during your studies for this degree at UI.		
\$0		37
\$1 – 5,000		11
\$5,001 – 10,000		11
\$10,001 – 15,000		8
\$15,001 – 20,000		5
\$20,001 – 25,000		7
More than \$25,000		21
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		14
Debt was worth the education received		35
The value of the education exceeded the cost		17
No debt incurred		34
Q-7 How was your graduate study supported financially?		
	Primary Source	Lesser Source or Not Used
Student loans	38	62
Scholarships	14	86
Personal savings	27	73
Summer job earnings	11	89
Academic year job used for summer or part-time study	7	93
Teaching assistantship	16	84
Research assistantship	18	82
Parents/guardians	6	94
Spouse	8	92
On-campus employment while at UI	8	92
Off-campus employment while at UI	10	90
Veterans' benefits	2	98
Disability benefits	<1	100
Employer	17	83
Other	7	93

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Q-8 We would like to ask you about some general resources for UI students. Please indicate the quality of the resource(s) you accessed.					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	NA/DK
Main UI Library, holdings (books, periodicals, etc.)	28	38	9	2	24
College of Graduate Studies Information (print, web)	14	42	18	3	24
Recreational resources	27	26	8	1	38
UI Computer Labs: Access	23	33	11	4	29
Hardware and software	18	35	11	3	33
Cooperative Extension	13	14	5	1	67
Study space on campus I attended	22	37	11	4	27
Student Financial Aid: Funds available	14	27	11	4	44
Programs for international students	4	8	3	<1	85
Programs for minority students	1	5	3	1	90
Major department office	27	41	14	3	16
College graduate/Dean's office	17	38	13	4	28
Off-campus center office	11	12	5	1	71
Registrar's Office	18	43	17	3	19
UI Bookstore: Price	4	28	41	14	13
Computer store	3	13	17	5	63
Campus social activities	8	24	14	3	51
Campus cultural events (theatre, music, dance)	12	27	14	3	44
Career & Professional Planning: Career fairs	4	14	18	15	50
Career development events & presentations	5	13	16	16	50
Internships & job postings	5	14	17	17	46
Q-9 Following are some general services for UI students. Please indicate the quality of the service(s) you received.					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	NA/DK
Main UI Library Services	33	36	5	1	25
College of Graduate Studies Services	19	38	14	4	25
Student Health Services	12	21	14	4	50
UI Computer Labs: Help Desk support services	14	34	14	2	35
Student Financial Aid: Services provided	12	28	11	3	46
Business & Accounting: Cashier	13	39	12	2	33
UI Bookstore: Services	13	45	15	3	24
Career & Professional Planning: Internships & job postings	5	15	17	15	47

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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	DK/Can't Recall/NA	
UI has a positive academic environment for graduate study.	39	52	6	1	2	
The overall quality of instruction in UI courses was good.	38	56	4	2	<1	
My UI experience increased my awareness of cultural diversity.	17	35	21	8	19	
Any necessary technical and computer assistance was available at UI.	19	52	9	1	18	
Most UI faculty supported my progress as a graduate student.	45	47	4	3	1	
Goals and objectives of my program and its courses were made clear.	39	50	8	2	1	
I received the theoretical background I needed through courses taken.	37	50	8	2	2	
My program of study prepared me well for employment.	31	48	13	4	4	
My program of study prepared me well for further advanced study.	26	46	7	3	18	
My program's objectives were clearly stated.	32	56	9	2	1	
Degree requirements corresponded well with the stated objectives of the program.	35	55	6	2	2	
The program attracts and admits high-quality graduate students.	25	50	15	3	7	
My ability to collaborate with others was enhanced through my program.	29	51	10	3	7	
Professors in my department expect high-quality graduate work.	42	49	6	2	1	
I developed a close professional relationship with at least one faculty member.	48	32	15	3	2	
UI professors are well-connected with practitioners in business/industry/government/education.	25	44	15	5	11	
Critiques on thesis/dissertation and major projects were timely enough to be useful	34	45	6	3	12	
Critiques on thesis/dissertation and major projects were pertinent and constructive.	35	44	6	2	12	
I would advise a prospective graduate student with similar interests to study in this department.	42	42	7	4	4	
Q-11A Please rate the quality of the following:						
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know	
Academic qualifications of department faculty	49	44	4	2	1	
Quality of teaching in my major field	43	48	7	3	<1	
Depth of content in graduate courses	37	45	14	4	0	
Standards of quality for student performance	30	50	15	3	1	
Classroom space and facilities/equipment used for my major field courses	26	46	16	6	6	

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Specialized facilities such as laboratories, studios, & equipment needed for research/creative activity in my major field	18	34	17	7	24	
Opportunities for collaborative research/scholarship	19	32	17	9	22	
Timely access to courses I needed for my program	33	48	14	4	1	
Q-11B Please rate the quality of the following:						
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know	
Willingness of my advisor/major professor to help	62	22	10	3	2	
Availability of my advisor/major professor	55	27	12	4	2	
Intellectual climate of the department	41	44	11	3	2	
Opportunities for interaction with department faculty outside of classes	34	32	15	10	9	
Library holdings (literature) in my program area	23	35	15	5	22	
Library service supporting my research area(s)	26	34	14	4	22	
TA office space/consulting area (for student assistance)	10	22	13	7	48	
Laboratory/work space & equipment for research assistants	11	21	11	4	52	
Overall adequacy of department resources supporting graduate programs	20	47	19	6	8	
Availability of assistantship to support my studies	17	19	11	11	42	
Opportunity for practica, internships	14	21	15	12	38	
Overall quality of my graduate education	38	48	10	3	<1	
Q-12 Please rate how satisfied you are with each of the following aspects of your graduate school experience:						
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
Departmental advising/guidance	39	38	14	6	2	1
Major professor mentoring	49	29	12	6	3	2
Overall quality of graduate instruction	39	49	6	4	2	<1
Professional relationship with graduate committee	33	33	15	5	2	14
Level of financial support	20	26	21	7	4	21
Resources available for student research	19	37	19	6	3	16
Q-13A Did you attend any relevant academic meetings or conferences while you were in graduate school?						
Yes	57					
No	43					
Q-13B If you answered "Yes" to the above question, did you present any scholarly work at a professional academic meeting/conference as part of your graduate studies?						
Yes	54					
No	46					
Q-14 How many scholarly articles/creative works have you published/exhibited as a result of your most recent graduate studies at UI?						
0	52					
1	21					
2	10					
3	5					
4 or more	11					

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Q-15 Where/how did you take <u>most</u> of the courses applied to your highest degree program?	
UI – Moscow campus	64
UI – Boise campus	13
UI - Coeur d'Alene campus	5
UI - Idaho Falls campus	7
Video Outreach	8
Other UI location	4
Q-16 Current state of residence (two-letter abbreviation)	
ID	48
WA	12
OR	6
CA	4
UT	3
Other	27
Q-17 Using the enclosed list, please indicate the three-digit code for your department.	
(see individual colleges for breakdown)	
Q-18 Level of highest degree from UI	
Masters	68
MFA	4
JD	13
Doctorate	15
Specialist	<1
Q-19A What is your ethnicity?	
Hispanic or Latino	3
Not Hispanic or Latino	97
Q-19B Race (please check all that you feel apply to you)	
Black or African American	1
American Indian/Alaskan Native	<1
Asian	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1
White	87
Mixed Race	1
Unreported	5
Q-20 Gender	
Female	49
Male	51
Q-21 Select the year you received your highest degree.	
2004	26
2005	30
2006	25
2007	19