

**MACALESTER COLLEGE
OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
ALUMNI SURVEY - CLASS OF 2000**

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A. Evaluation of your Undergraduate Education
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1. The list below contains some abilities and types of knowledge that may be developed in a bachelor's degree program. Please indicate 1) how important each is in your personal and professional life, and 2) the extent to which each was enhanced by your undergraduate experiences.

	"Greatly" Important in Current Activities	"Greatly" Enhanced by Undergrad Experience
<u>Critical Thinking</u>		
Acquire new skills and knowledge	82.3%	72.1%
Think analytically and logically	79.3	75.1
Formulate creative/original ideas	64.5	52.5
Academic ability	45.7	68.1
<u>Skills/Learning</u>		
Write effectively	63.4	63.4
Use quantitative tools	40.5	26.5
Appreciate arts, literature, music, drama	30.3	39.1
Gain in-depth knowledge of a field	61.1	45.2
Read or speak a foreign language	19.5	28.1
<u>Social/Moral Awareness</u>		
Develop an awareness of social problems	51.9	68.3
Place current problems in perspective	58.4	55.1
Understand moral/ethical issues	63.8	51.6
<u>Self Development</u>		
Understand myself	69.2	43.2
Function independently, without supervision	87.0	49.7
Develop self-esteem	63.6	31.9
Establish a course of action to accomplish goals	82.7	42.4
Intellectual self-confidence	73.5	50.5
Develop desire for continued learning	73.0	70.5
<u>Relationship Skills</u>		
Lead and supervise tasks and groups of people	47.3	21.6
Relate well to different races, nations, religions	64.0	60.5
Function effectively as a member of a team	74.7	33.0
Communicate well orally	76.2	30.8
Understand others	70.8	46.2
<u>Understanding Science and Technology</u>		
Understand the process of science	32.6	28.3
Use technology	48.6	23.8

2. Using the perspective gained since you graduated, how satisfied are you with each of the following services or aspects of your college?

"Very Satisfied"

Academic Experiences

Academic advising	35.4%
Contact with faculty	67.0
Quality of teaching	79.8
Courses in major field	54.9
Courses outside your major	45.7
Independent study/research.....	55.1

Campus Services and Facilities

Career services	11.0
Financial services.....	44.1
Library resources	54.9
Recreation/athletics.....	29.9
Residential life.....	29.4

Campus Climate

Student voice in policies.....	25.4
Campus safety	47.3
Sense of belonging	43.9
Ethnic/racial diversity	39.2
Social life on campus	37.4

3. To what extent did your undergraduate experience fulfill your original expectations in the following areas?

"Greatly"
Fulfilled Expectations

Expectations

Enhance your intellectual growth	81.3%
Acquire in-depth knowledge in a particular field	46.7
Develop competency in career relevant skills.....	27.8
Foster your personal growth	67.6
Promote your ability to form relationships.....	50.5

4. Overall, how satisfied have you been with your undergraduate education?

Very dissatisfied	0.5%
Generally dissatisfied.....	1.6
Generally satisfied.....	24.5
Very satisfied.....	73.4

5. Would you encourage a high school senior who is like you were as a high school senior (similar background, interests, and temperament) to attend your undergraduate institution?

Definitely not	1.1%
Probably not	1.6
Maybe.....	7.7
Probably would.....	15.3
Definitely would	74.3

B. College Impact

6. Please evaluate each of the following activities for your level of involvement while an undergraduate. For those activities in which you were involved, please evaluate the contribution of each activity to your personal or professional life after graduation.

	% Involved	"Moderate" or "Extensive" Contribution to Development **
<u>Extracurricular Activities</u>		
Student or campus government	26.8%	36.7%
Intercollegiate athletics	42.3	67.1
Intramural sports	43.4	23.1
Student publications	32.4	40.6
Performing arts/music	54.1	62.3
Political organization or club	45.9	65.0
Community service	75.5	63.8
Religious groups	15.1	43.3
 <u>Academic Activities</u>		
Internships	62.1	86.7
Study abroad	56.6	94.1
Work on faculty research	36.8	70.2
Independent study	71.0	73.1
 <u>Employment Activities</u>		
On-campus employment	79.7	62.1
Off-campus employment	60.3	59.2

** Contribution to Development excludes those whose involvement was "none".

7. To what extent did your undergraduate experience prepare you for the following activities?

	"Greatly" or "Moderately" Prepared
<u>Activity</u>	
Post-Baccalaureate education	86.2%
Current career	76.1
Social and civic involvement	78.3
Interpersonal relationships and family living	65.7

C. Continuing Involvement with Alma Mater

8. In the past five years, how frequently have you participated in the following activities sponsored by your undergraduate alma mater?

	"Frequently" or "Occasionally" Participated
<u>Activity</u>	
Read campus publications	74.3%
Visited the institution's website	55.2
Visited campus for any purpose	39.9
Attended alumni functions on campus	6.0
Attended alumni functions off campus	13.1
Attended alma mater sporting events	12.5
Served as an alumni admissions volunteer	5.5
Participated in a career advisory program	4.4
Participated in an alumni continuing education program	0.0
Participated in an alumni community service program	4.9
Contributed to or solicited for the annual fund	47.0
Maintained contact with other alumni	84.7
Maintained contact with faculty members	41.0
Maintained contact with administrators	9.8

9. To what extent do you identify with your undergraduate alma mater?

Not at all	1.1%
Very little.....	3.8
Somewhat	20.9
Strongly	46.2
Very strongly	28.0

D. Post-Graduation Activities

10. Which of the following best describes your primary activities during the year immediately following your undergraduate degree and currently?

	Immediately after graduation	Currently
Employment full-time.....	70.4%	60.2%
Employment part-time	18.8	14.5
Graduate/professional school full-time.....	14.0	28.5
Graduate/professional school part-time	5.4	7.5
Not employed, seeking employment.....	3.8	3.8
Not employed by choice (homemaker, volunteer, etc.)	5.9	4.3

11. What was your principal occupation immediately after graduation? What is your current occupation? What career would you ultimately like to have?

	Year following graduation	Currently	Ultimately
Administrative support.....	10.0%	6.5%	1.3%
Educators	18.8	17.0	16.7
Engineers, architects.....	0.0	0.0	0.0
Health diagnosing and treating	2.5	5.2	14.1
Legal-related	2.5	5.9	9.6
Managerial	8.1	12.4	12.8
Marketing and sales	11.3	4.6	1.9
Scientists and mathematicians	8.8	11.1	10.3
Social, recreational, religious workers	5.6	5.9	1.3
Technician occupations.....	1.9	2.0	0.0
Writers, artists, entertainers, athletes	10.0	9.2	11.5
Other occupations.....	20.6	22.2	20.5

12. What is your current annual income range before taxes?

No earned income.....	8.2%
Less than \$19,999.....	15.2
\$20,000 to \$39,999	44.0
\$40,000 to \$59,999	21.7
\$60,000 to \$79,999	7.1
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2.7
\$100,000 to \$119,999	0.5
\$more than \$120,000	0.5

13. To what extent have you voluntarily participated in the following organizations since graduating from your alma mater?

<u>Type of Organization</u>	Participated "Moderately" or "A Lot"
Civic/community	39.1%
Cultural/arts	44.6
Educational service (e.g. PTA)	10.9
Political	22.4
Professional	34.6
Recreational	36.1
Religious.....	12.6
Service (e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis).....	6.5
Youth (e.g. little league, scouting).....	11.4

14. What further degree(s) have you received or are you currently working toward or do you hope to attain in the future?

	Degrees Received	Currently Enrolled	Highest Degree Hope to Attain
Second Bachelors	0.5%	2.2%	0.0%
Law school	3.2	5.9	7.0
Medical school	1.1	5.4	4.3
Masters.....	15.0	21.0	35.5
Doctorate.....	0.0	13.4	23.7
No further educational plans	6.5%		

E. Alumni Profile

15. In what year did you complete your undergraduate major?

1999	5.4%
2000	92.5
2001	1.1
2002	1.1

16. What was the field of study of your undergraduate major? (Select more than one ONLY if you had a double major)

Architecture	0.0%
Arts and music	10.2
Business and management.....	5.9
Communications	5.4
Education	1.1
Engineering	0.0
Geosciences	4.3
Humanities	26.3
Life sciences	16.1
Math and computer sciences	4.8
Physical sciences	3.8
Psychology.....	11.3
Social sciences	25.8
Other non-sciences fields.....	9.7

17. How relevant is your undergraduate major field(s) of study to your current career?

Unrelated.....	22.0%
Indirectly related.....	32.3
Directly related	45.7

18. What was the overall grade you received during your undergraduate career?

A	14.7%
A-	37.0
B+	26.6
B	17.9
B-/C+	3.3
C or below	0.5

19. Did you receive any of the following undergraduate awards as a senior?

Latin honors	41.4%
Phi Beta Kappa	15.6
Sigma Xi	0.0
Honors in major	33.9
Other honors	10.8

20. Did you receive financial aid? If YES, indicate all that you received:

YES, received financial aid 81.7%

For those who received financial aid:

- received merit award.....	61.8
- received need based grant	72.4
- received loan.....	75.0
- received work study	83.6

21. At the time you graduated, what was the total amount borrowed to finance your undergraduate education which you were personally responsible for paying?

No loans	32.4%
Less than \$4,999.....	7.0
\$5000 to \$9,999	8.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999	25.4
\$15,000 to \$19,999	11.9
\$20,000 or more	13.0
More than \$0, but unable to estimate amount	1.6

22. To what extent have your undergraduate educational loans cause the following?

For those who used loans:	"Great extent"
Allowed me to go to otherwise unaffordable institution.....	62.4%
Focused job search on higher paying fields.....	12.4
Postponed or canceled post-baccalaureate education	11.9

23. What is your sex?

Male.....	36.0%
Female	64.0

24. What is your age?

25 or younger	2.2%
26 to 29	96.8
30 or older	1.1

25. What is your citizenship status?

U.S. citizen	92.5%
U.S. permanent resident	3.8
Non-U.S. citizen	3.8

26. What is your racial/ethnic background? (Select all that apply)

Asian, Pacific Islander.....	7.0%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	5.9
Hispanic.....	2.7
Native American.....	0.5
White, Non-Hispanic	84.4
Other	7.0

27. What is your personal status?

Married or living with partner.....	40.3%
Widowed.....	0.0
Separated or divorced.....	0.5
Single	59.1

28. How many dependent children do you have?

None.....	95.7%
1 or 2	3.8
More than 2	0.5

29. How old is your oldest child?

0 to 2	88.0%
3 to 5	4.0
6 to 10	8.0
11 to 15	0.0
16 to 20	0.0
20 or older	0.0

30. How old is your youngest child?

0 to 2	95.2%
3 to 5	4.8
6 to 10	0.0
11 to 15	0.0
16 to 20	0.0
20 or older	0.0